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The History of the School at North Adams

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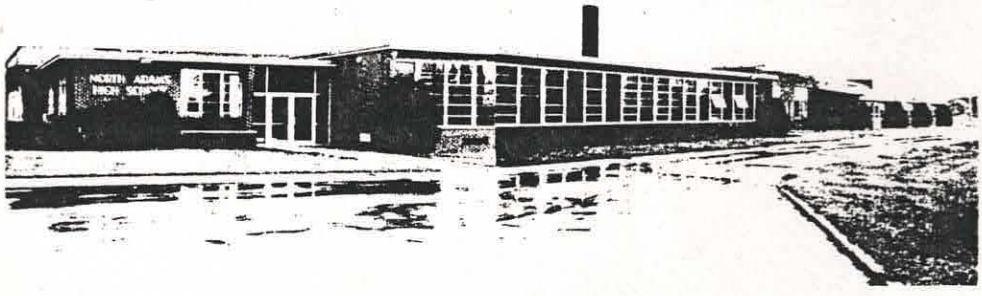

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I have written the book 'This is North Adams' and '100 years of Sports in North Adams' (nothing about sports in this book). But there were so many things about the school that many knew nothing about that I thought the people would be interested in the history of the school, special occasions, graduations, school plays, programs, and fun things.

I am about the only one left that has been a part of the community and the school over the past years.

There has been a school in the village for over 160 years with 114 graduations and 2927 graduates counting this year of 1999.

Many items have been taken from the Chatter Box (school paper), year books, scrap books and the book 'This is North Adams' (from this book, they were put in as they appeared in the newspaper).

I have been asked the location of the Opera House as that was where all graduations were held. (refer to page 52 for location and picture).

Many 'Thanks' to Janice Fry, Mary Jo Owens, the school, my daughter Mary Comstock and many others.

I am sure that you will find many mistakes in punctuation etc. An English teacher could find many corrections.

Marie Davis
April 16. 1999

SCHOOL SONG

When our gallant high school warriors
March to meet the foe,
Confident of victory,,
We will cheer them as we go,
Green and white are flying,
See our colors gay
For we are going to win today.

N.A.H.S. we're for you,
Just as long as skies are blue,
Go on to victory.
N.A.H.S. Rah' , Rah', Rah'.
Show them we are always there,
With a team that's always fair,
To fight with all are might-
For dear old N.A.H.S.

High school yells will conquer;
High school spirits wins the day,
Root for N.A.H.S.
And we'll have it all our way.
When the whistle sounded
And the game is o'er,
We'll have the big end of the score.

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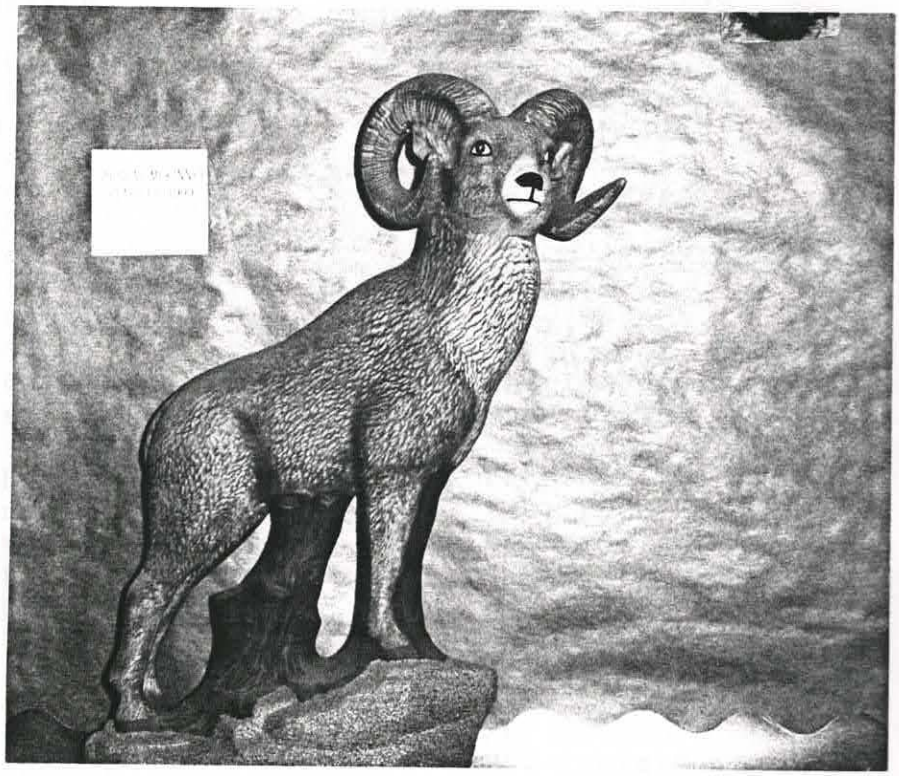
N.A. Band at Fair 1994

The 'RAMS'



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THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL AT NORTH ADAMS

The first school in the township of Adams was built in 1835 on the Fowler farm. As near as I can make out the location would be across the road from Spratt's Trading Post or at the intersection of State and Milnes Road.

As soon as there were enough settlers in the neighborhood to warrant it, another school was built. Located about a mile south of the small village with Julia Twogood, the teacher.

In 1839, a log schoolhouse was built at Cutler's Corners. In research, I think this was approximately, the location of the library, Phoebe Wells, the teacher. Later this year the M.E.Church started holding meetings in the schoolhouse and did so until sometime between the years 1843- 1850, when the school voted against holding religious meetings in the school building.

In 1850, there were 406 scholars in Adams Township and the amount allotted $138.04 or 40¢ for each pupil.

In 1854, the school district bought a lot, 8x10 rods of William Cutler, located at 221 East Main Street I have been told that the schoolhouse that was built a mile south of town, was moved to this location.But have been unable to find any record of any one attending school here.
The lot was sold in 1868.

In 1858, there were 548 scholars between the ages of 5 to 20 in the township.

A school 2 miles east of Cutler's Corners was dedicated November 9, 1860 by J.M.Gregory Superindendent of Public Instruction.(probably the Jackson school).

In the year 1867, the Congregationalists bought the Wesleyan Methodist Church and thensold their church to the school district (approximately the Funeral Home parking lot). The trustees fixed it up for a school. Before I wrote the book 'This is North Adams', an elderly lady told me that she went to school here.

In 1876, at a school meeting, they voted to build a new school building at a cost of $6000. It wasn't until June 1877 that they had raised enough money that they could go ahead with the building and an architect from Detroit was hired.

On Christmas eve of this year, the school was dedicated by Prof. Perrine of Albion College. "This new building is a credit to the citizens and an ornament to the village" (Perrine)

A report given by a committee that had been appointed to check teachers, scholars and subjects taught; "We have found the school divided in 3 parts-Grammar, Intermediate- and Primary. Grammar under supervision of Prof. F.B.McClellan, Intermediate- Miss Teed and Primary- Miss Hosmer.

The school received a very good report but suggested that the Board provide better heating for recitation rooms before next term.

In 1879, S.L.Morris of Cambria was hired as Principal. Miss Teed still teaching here.

In 1884, the schoolboard and teachers didn't agree, Prof. Lamb was let out and a replacement. 'Scholars only just get acquainted and the teacher is bounced.

The number of children between the ages of 5-20 in 1885 was 9,362, number attending school 7,659 in the county. . There are 169 school districts and 10 graded schools.. Wages $72.20 for men and $30.00 for women. Average number of months for school 6 or 7. . There are 112 frame schoolhouses, 51 brick and 9 stone in the county.

June 5, 1885 was a Gala Day for the village. Prof. Travis closed the school yearwith appropiate exercises. At 2:00, the Junior Class gave a program. In the evening, the Opera House was packed for the first real commencement of the school. As the students gave an account of themselves, they were greeted with applause and showers of bouquets fell at their feet like snow-flakes. The president of the schoolboard presented diplomas to Maude Corbett, Neva Kempton, Wella Morehouse, Edward Dibble and Herman A. Corbett.

In 1886, there were 7 graduates and 5 in 1887.

The janitor at the schoolhousewas a little fat colored boy. He had been a slave and was brought back from the south by George Cutler when he returned from the war.

In January of 1888, a fire at the schoolhouse, burning from the furnace across the ceiling. The village had just purchased the little fire truck that they still have on display at the fire station. The Hillsdale paper came out with this story." North Adams came near being treated to another extensive fire last week, the high school being honored this time.....
but for the promptness with which the fire engine was run out and run in again, a sad conflageration would have resulted. Hank Boneman and his speaking trumpet rushed wildly up the center of the street blowing hoarse blasts and scaring all teams and other truck out of the way of the engine and the hose cart. The engine , by the way,stood bravely by the water works while some men and boys carried the hose cart to the schoolhouse on a stretcher and tried to throw it in the window but could not, owing to the hose becoming tangled around a shade tree.....
Having got the engine and hose cart where no one can harm them, they broke up most of the furniture and chopped away the floor, the boys carried some water in buckets and put the fire out."

" If there is anything in North Adams people are proud of, it is that pretty little fire engine. They are so mashed on it that they will set up a stove in its stall to keep it warm and

some one will sit with the dear little thing at night.....
the city daddies will let some one take it out to squirt water on house plants as it must not take water into its system Not every city can afford such a pretty toy."

The 4th annual Commencement was held at the Opera House with over 600 in attendance, afternoon and evening. Diplomas were given to 10 Seniors.

In 1889, there were 15 graduates, the largest class.

In October,the High School was getting a new american flag. (From the Newspaper- If every house in our land had for its chief ornament, our glorious banner, our children would learn to revere it and they would imbide the principle of patriotism.)

In 1890, there were only 3 graduates. Prof. Hammond was hired Principal of the High School and Harold Pierce, Intermediate, Jennie Brown, Asst. Principal.
December 23, the school closed for holiday vacation, after one of the most successful term in the history of the school.

1891-The 7th annual commencement was held at the Knowles Opera House with 4 graduates.

Sixteen pupils of High School attended the teachers examination at Hillsdale and all passed.

Prof. Hammond hired for another year.

The annual Alumni Banquet was held at the home of Misses Lillie and May Wright, Saturday, June 6th.

1892-Teachers, Prof. E.D.Reynolds, Principal; Mrs. Jennie Bennett, Asst. Principal; Mary Fitzgerald, Intermediate; and Mrs. McBain, Primary.

Diplomas were given to 3 graduates.

In September, Commissioner Hammond sent letters to all school children that they are to be reconized at the County Fair by being permitted to place an exhibition, school work , prepared by them anything to show progress. A program between 2:00 and 4:00 on Tuesday and Thursday every student taking part, a little souvenir will be given them.

All children under 15 will be admitted free on Tuesday of the Fair.

1893- Commencement was held at the Knowles Opera House with 4 receiving diplomas.

The Alumni Banquet was held at the Bett's House (hotel) with an elegant supper. A small fee of 5¢ will be charged to defray the expenses.

1894- The Seniors will give the play 'Under the Laurels' at the Opera House, February 3rd. 15¢ & 10¢.

Seven graduated from High School.

1895- In January , the Seniors gave the play 'Above the Clouds'.

The commencement exercises were pronounced by all to be easily the best program given by any graduation class that has gone out from our school. There were eight in the class.
The Alumni Association has grown until it is about to large for any building in the village to seat all the guests.

1896- The play Jedidiah Judgins, J.P. will be put on by the Senior class. The receipts will go toward paying commencement expenses.

There are 10 in the class,Valedictorian, William Kerman and Salutatorian, Clessie Corbett. Motto:'Tonight we sail, where shall we anchor.'

1897- H.D. McDonald has been hired for Pricipal, Mr.Green declined to teach another year.

Rena Kempton hired for Primary teacher.

The graduating class consisting of nine, passed off very pleasantly. The Opera House was filled.

1898- The first annual Inter-schoolastic meeting of Hillsdale County schools was held at the Fair Grounds. Hillsdale won in points for the day, North Adams 2nd.

There were 4 in the graduating class and the Alumni was held at Hotel Bett's. Ice cream and light refreshments were served.

1899- Baccalaureate services were held at the Methodist church, nine in the class.

In March, the Juniors gave the play'Captured or The Old Maids Triumph'.

September 14, the Buck school was dedicated.(1 mile west)

1900-In the upstairs of the High School, there was just one large room with the exception of two class rooms to the east. During the year folding doors were put in dividing the two rooms-10th, 11th,12th on the south side and 8th and 9th on the north side. The 7th was there later.

There were seven that received their diplomas at Knowles Opera House. Motto:Finished yet Beginning' Robinson,Principal.

1901-At the Knowles Opera House, occurred the commencement exercises of the 20th century class. The mannerin which all nine acquitted themselves, showed how hard they had all worked.

Grace Scrivens (Williams) hired to teach in Primary room next year. Prof. Gainard for Pricipal.

1902- There are 13 in the graduating class, Percy Wells, Valedictorian and and Salutatorian, Lynn Stevens. Motto: 'To Be rather than to Be Seen'.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Alumni washeld at the Opera House. The banquet was served by rhe Grange in the Maccabee Hall.

Grace Scrivens, a teacher in the primary room had decorated her room , and her pupils with their parents and friends to listen to exercises and enjoy the christmas tree. While lighting the candles on the tree some cotton caught fire and in a moment the room was full of flames and smoke. The children were very much frightened but by the effort of the older people a panic was averted. It was a great disappointment as nearly all presents were burnt. Not much damage to the room.

1903- Diplomas were given to seven in the class. There was 125 at the Alumni Banquet.

1904- Commencement at the Opera House with 11 graduating.

Frank Holley , new janitor.

1905- January 24, school was closed as janitor was unable to get the rooms warm.

February-Snow drifts so high and blowing that school was closed 15 to 20 below zero.

Teachers: Principal-Mr. McHale; Asst. Principal- Laura Pouley (Walworth); Intermediate-Laura Culver (Meeks); Primary- Grace Scrivens (Williams).

Baccalaureate at the M.E.Church and 6 seniors received their diplomas at the Opera House. Motto: 'Tonight we sail, where shall we anchor.'

1906- At the school board meeting, another teacher was hired, making five for the school.

Five Seniors to graduate and Alumni at the Opera House.

1907- Commencement was held at the Opera House with 9 receiving their diplomas.

The Alumni was held at the Opera House with over 200 attending.

The school is going to be improved in quanity and quality so that the school will be placed on the University list of preparatory schools of the State.

Another teacher is to be hired for the High School making 4 in that department.

In February , R.C.Parshall resigned and Forest Knapp took over.

1908- The 'Bachelor Girls Club' entertained the baseball team at the home of Delia Beardsley. (For the winning teams in baseball and football during these years, read Sports Book).

There were 8 in the graduating class and Alumni was at the Opera House.

An agriculture class has been added to the school with Roswell Carr the teacher, a graduate from M.A.C.*

Michigan was the first State in the Union to reconize the teaching of agriculture in the public school. Michigan authorized it in July of 1908 and North Adams was the first public school in United States which incorporated a regular agriculture course.(The names of those in this first class and pictures are in the FFA room.)

In November, it was reported that under the superintendency of Forest Knapp, the high school in one and one half year has increased in attendance more than 100%. His salary has been advancedfrom $650 to $1000 per year. All teachers salary raised.

1909- Item in the newspaper; North adams is the only school in United States, having an accredited two year course in agriculture.

Baccalaureate was held with Prof. French from MAC giving the address. There were 11 that received diplomas.

An invitation sent to the Alumni to be held at the Opera House. 'Do you know your dues are due? Do we need you dues? We do. Only 25¢ we ask of you,'Twill pay your dues and supper too'.

1910- Domestic Science class has been added to the curriculum.

There are 21 in the graduating class. Art Sayles,Valedictorian andJohn Duguid, Salutatorian. Motto:'Hammer it out'. This is the largest class to graduate.

* Michigan Agriculture College

The Alumni Banquet was held at the Opera House with over 100 attending. Dinner was served at the Grange Hall and dancing followed.

Item in the N.A.Advocate: With art, science, agriculture, music, and domestic science being taught in the school which is on the University list. Few villages of this size can boast of a better or up-to-date school. The school also leads the county in athletics, having won the county field meet and baseball championship which they have held for many years. North Adams has every reason to be proud of their school.

1911- Nine Seniors to graduate, Roy Bemis,Valedictorian and Laurence Kempton, Salutatorian. Motto:'Realities and Dreams'

The Alumni was at the Opera House and reception at Bleech Hall (above Sommer's garage.)

School started in the fall with an enrollment of 130 pupils, 62 in high school, (44 which are transient); 35 intermediate; 33 in primary..

The Seniors of the high school have their flag of blue and white floating from the cupola of the school building. As soon as school starts, they have class fights to see who can get their flag on the cupola first. Seniors and Sophomore work together and Juniors and Freshmen. They would have to get in the school building, go up the stairs, put a ladder to the belfry opening to get in the tower and put the flag out the window.

1912- A new gasoline engine was installed for the purpose of pumping water to the drinking fountains.

The play 'The Twin Mountain Valley'was given by the Seniors.

Promotion exercises were given for Intermediate and primary departments. Diplomas were given to the students.

Graduation exercises at the Opera House. They were given in form of a play: The first scene was a boys room at a college dormitory, where Donald Iveson gave the Salutatory and Howard Williams gave an oration. The second scene was a college camp fire with songs and yells, the Seniors sitting around the fire, foretold the future of their classmates. The last scene, the class poem was given by Julia Barker and Valedictory oration by Mary Van DeCar, Mable Myers an oration. Diplomas were given to 20 graduates by Prof. Watkins.

Alumni at Lynch's Hall.(same as Bleech).

In July, at the school meeting, a committee was appointed to confer with neighboring districts concerning consolidation.

Enrollment in September 126, 60 in high room,28 Intermediate, and 38 Primary.

1913- Prof.Rurmer from MAC will take the place of Prof.Chapin as Superintendent.

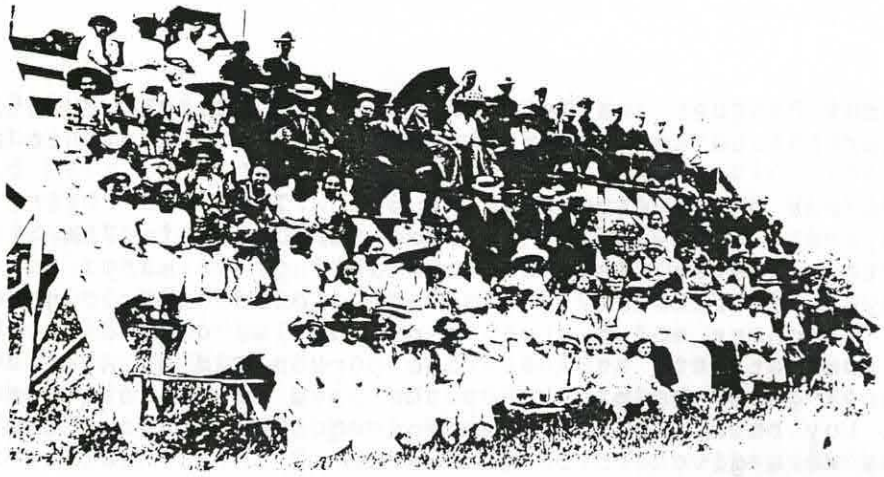
Seven Seniors to graduate.

Grace Corbett (Barker) president of Alumni.

1914- The Seniors present the play 'College Chums' at the Opera House.

In April, the High School made plans for basket ball teams, both girls and boys.

Commencement exercises at the Opera House with 10 graduates. Salutatorian-Leona Hager (Helmick) and Valedictorian Ona Fowler.



A new grand stand was built at the ball grounds, on the north end of the ball diamond, home plate in front of it (just off Vreeland Street.)

School opened in the fall with 49 in the high room 9 Seniors, 12 Juniors, 15 Sophomores,9Freshmen) 42 Intermediate and 39 Primary.

1915- Ten Seniors received their diplomas at the Opera House.

Items from the school paper 'The Weekly Blast' was read at the schools Thanksgiving program.

1916- Only six Seniors graduate.

The Alumni Association held their banquet in the new Municipal Lighting Plant (location of the old township hall, where fire department is located). The ladies of the Methodist Church served 130. It is planned to have one each year as this had proved a success.

1917- Commencement exercises with 9 receiving diplomas.

The faculty for 1917-1918: Supt. R.A. Gretenberger; Principal, Irma Benhard; Elizebeth Vorhees; Theah Deltz; Beryl Welsh 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th; Mabel Linton, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

The Alumni did not meet this year.

1917-1918- War years, articles hard to get, food shortage and on January 12, one of the worst snow storms in over 10 years, snow drifts 10' to 15' foot high,19 below zero. (I know because I was there). Because of the cold weather and to conserve fuel (coal), school was closed for several days.

Commencement at the Opera House with 7 Seniors graduating. Valedictorian, Gladys Ferguson (Shepard); Salutatorian,Hettie Shepard. Motto: 'Hammer it Out'. No Alumni.

September 5, school opened with following teachers: Supt. W.T. Carter; Principal, Irma Benhard; Lucile Greening; Intermediate- Olive Crater; Primary- Mabel Linton.

In October, the school was closed due to the influenza epidemic.

November 11, Armistice was signed. School was dismissed, a big parade up and down the streets and then, they all gathered boxes, crates etc. for a mammoth bonfire at night to burn the effigy of the Kaiser.

1918-1919, I think around this time toilets were installed in the school basements. Previous to this , the girls toilet was on the north west corner of the school grounds and the boys on the south west corner.

Graduation was held at the Opera House with 13 receiving diplomas. Lillian Haskell (Keefer),Valedictorian and Majorgia Knowles (Caldwell) Salutatorian. Motto:'If you rest you must keep busy.'

The Alumni Banquet was held on June 12. Mary Corbett,President.

The Intermediate and Primary rooms held their picnic at Farewell Lake.

Teachers for the coming year: Supt. W.T.Carter; Principal, Irma Benhard Sayles; John Duguid, science; Grace Sabin,7th, 8th; Eva Overly, Intermediate; Clessie Houghtailing, Primary.

1919-1920 - In February the school closed on account of the illness of teachers and a great many pupils, closed for three weeks. On some streets at least one person was sick in every house.

The school gave the play 'For the Love of Johnnie' Proceeds will be used to buy baseball uniforms and equipment, About $80 cleared.

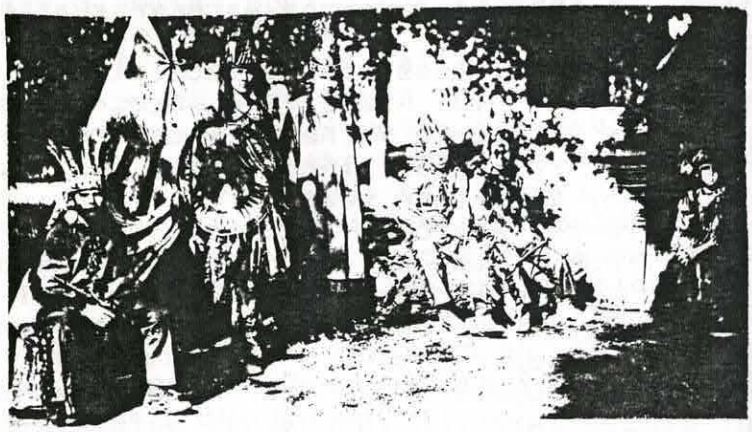
Diplomas were given to 10 graduates. Frances Haskell (Sommers), Valedictorian and Rolland Randolph, Salutatorian. Motto: 'Not at the top but Climbing"

New teachers for the coming year are Supt. Charles Warren, Mrs. Mildred Williams,and Miss Edith Murphy.

1920- 1921- In the early years of the school, the school bell was rung at 8:30- 8:55-9:00 in the morning and at noon 12:45-12:55 and 1:00. Most all students that lived in town went home for their dinner.

In the high school room, some one played a march on the piano for dimissal at noon and at closing. In February, Clark Pierce played the piano and Kenneth Holder,the violin. Others playing marches were Rena Webb, Frances Young and Naomi Crapser.

An Indian pageant 'Hiawatha' was given by the school.



Herman Walters, Charles Giddings, Gordon Walworth, Lorita Wertz

A Field Day of the Hillsdale County Schools was held at the college. A tornado went through the territory between North Adams and Osseo but by passed Hillsdale.

Commencement was held at the Opera House, nine received their diplomas. Donna Lynch (Graves), Valedictorian and Salutatorian Alice Roberts (Osborn).

Carleton Burnside from Burr Oak will be the superintendent for the coming year.

1921-1922,Up until the early '20's before autos were plentiful, many of the high school students drove horse and buggy to school. They would have to rent a barn for the horse during the day. Some students would board at a home in town during the winter months. An advertizement in the paper: 'If you have a stable, a garage or a room to rent, or if you can use the labor of a student as part payment of board and lodging, notify the superintendant or the Board of Education.

Vera Crapser Sawyer and her sister kept their horse in a barn next to where we lived. Quite often my sister and I would ride to the edge of town with them, then walk back home.

The school athletic association gave the play 'Adventures of Grandpa'

Carleton Burnside resigns, Katherine Murphy will act as Superintendent.

Baccalaureate at the Congregational Church, 16 to graduate. Glendolyn McLaughlin (Sprague), Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Grace Smit (Scoville). Motto: Not Evening but Dawn'.

R.C.Young resigns as County School Commissioner to accept Superintendentcy at North Adams. The School Board has elected an entirely new corp of teachers. . It will be remembered that a few months ago there was an unfortunate case of the pupils throwing eggs at the teachers.

New teachers: Principal T.N.Lamb; Gertrude Getter; Frances Bohn; Intermediate- Leona Helmick; Primary, Marian Lane.

In NOvember, a Parent Teacher organization was formed.

December 29,, the music class of the school put on a music comedy 'Betty's Dilemma'. Miss Holland music teacher.

During the early part of the year,the school was wired for electricity in anticipation of 24 hour service.

1922-1923- The Senior class gave the play 'A College Town'

There were 14 in the graduating class, Valedictorian, Geradine Cox and Salutatorian, Edith Fry. Motto: 'Dig'.

This is the first year of boys and girls basket ball and the first year for football in several years.

In December, the business men bought the Opera House and gave to the school to be remodeled and used for basket ball and other activities.

1923-1924 -After the school had the old Opera House for sports etc. R.C.Young would get films and movies were shown there for the school and others. The projector was left there from the old movie house.

My brother , Franklin Hill had attended school in Frontier the past year. They had a band there, Mr. Lint was the Director.Franklin was in the band there, so he along with Keith Williams and Paul Williams went down to Frontier a few times and played in the band until Lint came to North Adams. A band was started with some of the alumni and others helped to make a good band.

There were 10 graduates, Ruth Stevenson (Coutz) Valedictorian and Janes Meeks, Salutatorian. Motto: 'Tonight we Launch where shall we anchor'.

At the athletic meeting, they voted to reorganize the alumni.

During these years and many years before, at the starting of the school year, the Sophomores would give a reception for the new Freshman class. Later the Freshman would give a 'thank you' reception for the Sophomore.

At the end of the year, there would be the Junior-Senior Banquet when the Seniors were entertained by the Juniors.

1924-1925-Teachers for the High School were Supt. R.C. Young; Principal, T.N.Lamb; Gertrude Getter; Mary Freitag.

Thirteen to graduate. Valedictorian, Theron Randolph and Salutatorian, Frances Young (Draper). Motto: 'Climb though the rocks be Rugged'.

Alumni reception held in the Congregational Church.

1925-1926- The high honors for the class of seventeen went to Lucile VanWert (Cameron), Valedictorian and Gerald Wells, Salutatorian. Motto: 'Just Commencement'.

The Senior play 'Amazon Isle'.

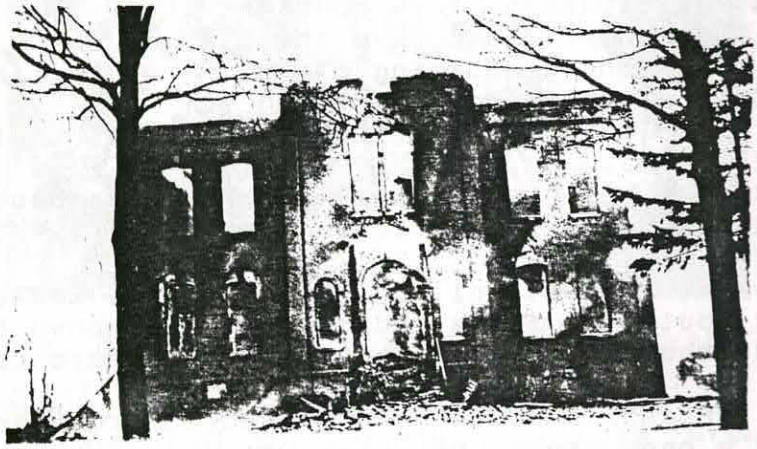
The class went to the Pittsford hills for their Skip Day.

The Alumni Banquet was held at the church with a very good attendance.

1926-1927- The Seniors presented the play 'At the End of the Rainbow'.

On April 23, the school house was destroyed by fire about 9:00 Saturday morning. Some books and apparatus was saved from the lower rooms and a few things from the high school rooms. A man trying to help save things from a high school room , was so confused, took the clock off the wall and threw it out the window. The school was insured for $20,000 and contents $2000. Estimated cost $50,000.

The senior high met in the township hall (above the old lighting plant) and village council rooms. Junior high in the I.O.O.F hall (Apt. Bldg.), Grades at Congregational church. No bathroom,no anything.



High School teachers: Supt. R.C.Young; Stewart Willetts; Jean Evans; Loren Radabaugh.

Seventeen Seniors received their diplomas at the Methodist Church. Valedictorian-Edith Bohn (Coon) andSalutatorian ,Margaret Shambaugh. Motto:'Work Conquers all Things'.

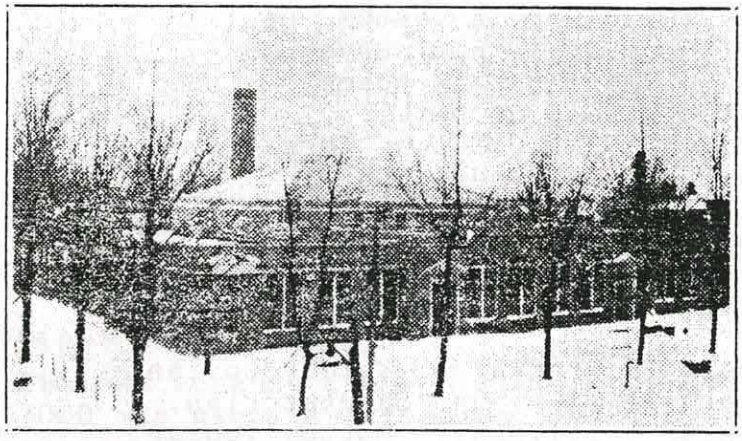
A group of girls, called the'Girl Reserves'made hamburg sandwiches in Domestic Science room and sold during the noon hour before the school burnt.

The school district voted on a proposition of bonding the district for$45,000 for building an up to date, twelve grade school of brick and steel.

December 27, Mr. Lint came to town and organized a band with the students.

1927-1928 -On March 30, the dedication of the new school was held. There are 15 rooms, including space for high school, junior high, intermediate and primary grades, class rooms, superintendant office, laboratories and an auditorium with seating capacity for 500. The interior is finished in red oak with floors of maple over concrete. The class rooms for high school students have tablet chairs while grade rooms have single desks and seats. There are seven outside entrances and to the halls and lockers are provided both here and in the basement, where there are showers. A pleasant recreation room to use for out of town students during the noon hour. Domestic science, art and manual training rooms. The cost of the building $65,000.

North Adams' Fine New School Replaces One Burned Year Ago



The Senior play 'Wrecking Robert's Budget' was given April 19th and 21st on the stage of the new building.

All Fool's Day was held at the school, students would get together and plan for the next day without telling the teachers, coming dressed in the worst costumes they could find. Not much school that day.

During the '20's, maybe before and also after, the senior class would engage a Lyceum Co. to put on programs during the school year, approximately four. Season tickets were sold or bought at the door, to make money to pay for speaker and orchestra for graduation.

During these years, the seniors had to buy tickets for those that were invited to graduation and seats were reserved for them.. I think that there was a certain number of tickets that they could buy. Probably in past years, due to lack of room and size of the class.

There are 12 in the Senior class, Valedictorian, Ione Young (Gordon) and Salutatorian, Margaret Meeks (VanWert). Motto: 'Build for Character not for Fame".

This is the first time that Baccalaureate, Commencement and Alumni in the same building.

For the Senior Skip Day, the class went to Goguac Lake at Battle Creek, potluck dinner then to Regent theater to the matinee and saw Richard Barthlemess in 'The Noose".

In a recent survey of the graded schools of Hillsdale County by a class of students on work done in Modern Geography, North Adams ranked higher than any other in vested of its size. The class is now surveying the swamp and woodlands in Adams Township, South East corner.

Teachers: Supt. R.C.Young, Lorraine Jandy, Rudolph Cada, and John Agnew

1928-1929- The Seniors gave the play 'The House of 1000 Thrills', their Junior play was'A Whiff of Evidence'

There were 15 graduates, Valedictorian, Frances Overly (Wylie) and Salutatorian, Gladys Holkins (Williams). Motto: Tonight we Launch , where shall we Anchor'.

1929-1930 - The play given by the Seniors was 'The Arrival of Kitty'.

This was one of the smaller classes, only eight. Gladys VanWert Valedictorian and Lorraine Mallory,Salutatorian. Alumni Banquet followed graduation.

1930-1931- There were 15 in this class, they presented the play 'Lost a Chaperone', Valedictorian, Hazel Walworth (Martin) and Alvin Wells, Salutatorian. Motto: 'Determination spells Success'.

Teachers: Supt. John Drake (Drake came in the fall of '28) Lawrence Jannasch Miss Jacobs; Mr. Seckinger; Miss Boone; and Mrs. Benedict.

North Adams High School

Alumni Banquet

Friday Evening, June 15, 1928

Toastmaster Roland Randolph '20

PROGRAM

INVOCATION	REV. H. E. WYLIE
MUSIC	MALE QUARTETTE
WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 1928	RUTH GIDDINGS, '24
RESPONSE	HAROLD GORDON
PIANO SOLO	NAOMI CRAPSER '25
ADDRESS	"THE WAR LORDS OF DESTINY"
	PROF. W. H. ROBERTS
	BUSINESS MEETING

This was during Depression years, the Alumni ended up with only 12¢ in the treasure.

1931-1932 - School started in the fall with an enrollment of 96.

In January, the Senior play 'Jimmy Be Careful' was given. Their Junior play was 'The College Hobo'. In April the Operetta 'The Land of Sometime' was given by the grades.

There are 10 students to graduate, Walter Roy, Valedictorian and Harold Ferguson,Salutatorian. Motto: Not Evening but Dawn'.

The band will play for the opening of Commencement.

A Reception was held for the Alumni rather than the usual Banquet.

The school has been used more then 100 times for community projects and other activities rather than just the school.

1932-1933 - The Seniors gave the play 'What Price Ancesters?'

In January, the North Adams School received word from the manager of Michigan High School Debating teams that they were one of 68 schools qualifying for the elimination series of state wide debaters. This entitles the school to the U of M wall plaque trophy. This is the 4th time North Adams has qualified. The last one was in 1928-1929.

The Juniors gave the play 'The Man from Nowhere' in March and in April the Operetta the 'Gypsy Rover' by the high school and Grades.

Fourteen to graduate, Emil Fry, Valedictorian and Frances Fry (Keefer) Salutatorian. Motto:'Rowing not Drifting'.

School opened in September with the largest attendance 148, 60 in the high school.

It was stated in November that the county schools may close early if they do not get the State Aid.

The 'Tom Thumb Wedding' was held at the schoolhouse with Beverly Drake (Sharp) as bride and John Horn,bridegroom. Both only 3 years old.

In December, the school received the CWA funds.

1933-1934- The CWA work at the school has been finished. Approximately $3000 was used, all rooms painted, a trophy display for the corridor wall and accoustical readjustments.

The Elementary room gave the Japanese musical 'O Cho San'.

The Operetta 'The Governor's Daughter' was given by the High School.

Fifteen to graduate, 12 boys and 3 girls. Valedictorian John Williams and Salutatorian Edward Caswell. Motto: 'Sailing the Ship of Success'.

In December, they changed the time of the school hours,from 8:30 to 9:00 AM and closing time from 3:30 to 4:00 PM.

1934-1935 - The Senior play 'Murdered Alive' was given at the schoolhouse.

High School Teachers: Supt. John Drake; Prin. Lawrence Jannasch; Frances Young and Frances Wylie.

The Juniors gave the play'Professor Pep'.

The class of 1936 gave the first J-Hop this year.

Fourteen Seniors to graduate,Barbara Hersh (Randall),Valdictorian and Opal Allen (Amburgey) Salutatorian. Motto:'If we Rest ,we Rust'.

The Alumni was held at the school and the first graduating class, 50 years ago was honored.

School started in September with 171 enrolled. Increase of 15 per cent over last year.

The country schools that are operating in this vicinity are Mud Lake, Jackson, Bross, Kirby, Gay, Nethaway, John L. Buck, Buck, Grubby Knoll, Knowles, Pease, Hoxie, Ellsworth, and Veile.

1935-1936- A Sunshine Lady came to the school during these years. They would come to the school and pass out small loaves of bread to each pupil. Also the County Health Nurse came each year, gave shots or thy might walk down to Dr. McFarland's office for them. She also gave out little bars of soap (Lifebouy) and toothpaste with a chart to fill out for brushing teeth and washing hands. (only for the grades)

'A Whiff of Evidence' was the Senior play.

Item from The North Adams Advocate;" North Adams has cause to feel proud of the 'Harmonettes' local musical group from the school, composed of Harry Hill,accordian; Floyd Rock,violin; Everett Deitz and Pete Draper , guitar.(Later Wendell Master took the place of Deitz with the saxaphone.)They won the amateur contest at the Dawn Theater.

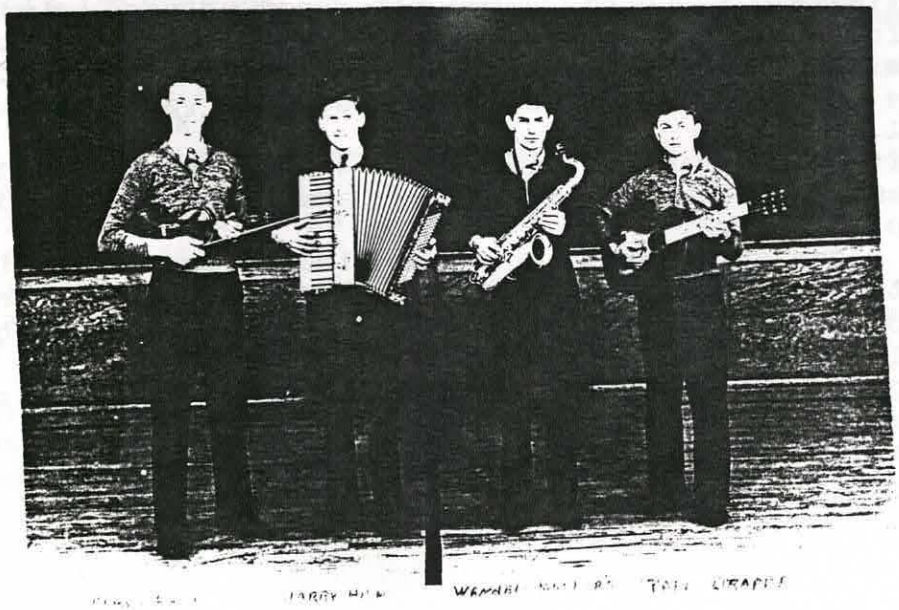
Schools having a tough time because of sub-zero weather 15 to 18 below through the latter part of January and February,14 inches of snow and more on the way. February 14, snow and sleet cover everything.

A High School benifit show was given by 4 schools. Osseo, March 27; North Adams, March 29; Waldron, April 6;Pitts, April 5. Prices 10¢ and 20¢. Each school gave 3 numbers, making 12 numbers for each program.

The Operetta 'What's the Matter of Sally?' given by the grades. (This may be the wrong year)

The Operetta 'Windmills of Holland' given by the High School.

The Harmonettes play with the Praire Farmer at Homer.



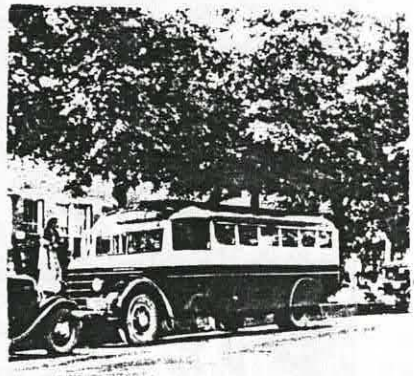
Commencement, with diplomas given to 15 Seniors.Valedictorian, Chester Alpaugh and Salutatorian Mable Mathews (Haines). Motto: 'Onward and Upward'.

Alumni at the school, honoring the Seniors and the class of 1886.

The rural Jackson school closes.

1936-1937 -The valuation of the North Adams High School at this time was $313,450.

Busing started around this time, I think. Different ones that I talked with felt that it was the time.



In April,the Juniors gave the play 'Scare Crow Creeps'.

The Operetta 'The Land of Dreams Comes True' given by grades 1st through 6th.

Diplomas given to 10 Seniors by Supt. Drake.Valedictorian Genevieve Hinkle and Orlin Wells Salutatorian. Motto: ' To Be'

School opens in September with the largest enrollment in the junior and senior high, 109.

In October, the Seniors gave the play 'Aunt Minnie from Minnesota'

A community christmas program and treats at the school with Santa there to give out over 400 sacks of popcorn and candy.

1937-1938 - Teachers for the coming year: Supt. John Drake; DeWitt Sawyer; Frances Young; Ruth Kirk; Lawrence Wilson; John Williams; Mable Double; Lois Laser.

Mr. Gottschalk, new Band Director.

The commencement exercises were given at the school with 12 graduating. David Hersh, Valedictorian and Beryl Mathews, Salutatorian. Motto: 'Work and Win'.

School opened in the fall with a 210 enrollment,96 in high school and 114 in the grades.

1938-1939 - The first Chatter Box was printed by the Junior Class, Tom Madding, the promoter.

Supt. Drake gave diplomas to 16 Seniors. Valedictorian, Evelyn Smith (Ward) and Salutatorian Betty Bowsman. Motto: 'Anchors to Success" . This year the Seniors wore caps and gowns. I don't think that they wore them before or wore them for the next two or three years..

In November , the Seniors gave the play'Sorority House'.

The annual christmas program was held at the school. The following outside schools participated Knowles, Grubby Knoll, North Buck (John L.), South Buck, and the grades at North Adams. Over 600 attended and over 400 treats given.

1939- 1940 -The Juniors gave the play 'Peek-aboo Penny'
Twenty-eight Seniors to graduate, the largest class in the school's history. Valedictorian, Jean Smith (Elliott) and Salutatorian James Williams. Motto:'Jog On.'

This class is the first class to graduate that had gone the 12 years in the new school built in 1928.

In October, the Senior class of '41 gave the play 'Who Said Quit'?

1940-1941 - The Operetta 'The King Sneezes' given by the Grades.

Twenty-one to graduate. Valedictorian, Merton Dillon and Salutatorian, Phyllis Goodacre (Sponseller). Motto: 'The Truth shall make us Free'

The class went to Washington D.C, for their Senior trip.

The Alumni met at the school with B.Reid Shepard as the President.

In October, the Seniors gave the play 'Always in Trouble'

1941-1942 - , The School Board buys the Dr. Ditmars house and lot , south of the school. The lot will be filled and graded in preparation of a playground.

I was told that if you went to school here between the 30's and the 40's and played baseball out back of the school, the big oak tree was always 3rd. base.

Commencement was held with 14 Seniors receiving their diplomas. Valedictorian, Helen Price (Beach) and Salutatorian, Virginia Price. Motto: 'Jog On'.

The class went to Chicago for their Senior trip.

1942-1943 - The Seniors gave the play ' Meet My Wives'.

The Operetta 'The Forest Court' was given by the Grades.

The Juniors gave the play ' A Bargain is a Bargain.

Mrs. Bert Comstock is head of the Hot Lunch program that has just started. They are serving about 100.

The Band has started up again. .

There are 23 in the Senior Class. Valedictorian, Dale Smith and Salutatorian, Ruth Wells (Wittenkeller). Motto: 'B Sharp, B Natural, but never B Flat'.

Just a Reception was held for the Alumni because of the food shortage.

Jean Parrish was the salesperson for buying savings stamps and Bonds. Sold a total of $4989 during the school year. Most all students would buy 25¢ stamps, placed in a book until you had enough for a Bond.

John Drake leaves as Supintendent to become County School Comissioner.

In September school started with Edward Phelps as the new Superintendant.

An enrollment of 223 in the school.

In October, , the Ration Book No 4 was issued at the school (Ration books were for sugar, coffee,shoes ,gas etc because of the war).

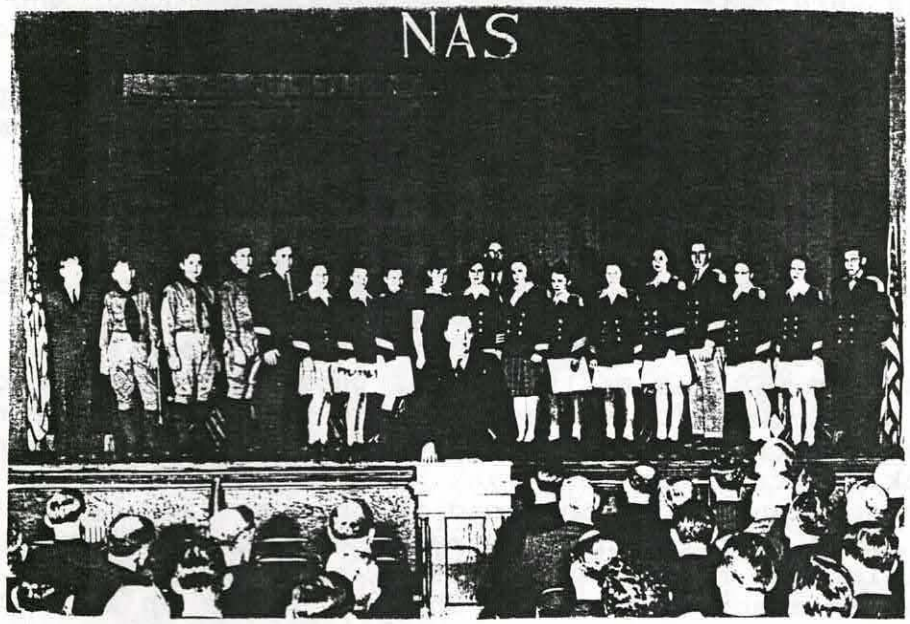
About 500# of tin cans were sent to Hillsdale in the recent tin can drive, iron is also needed. Save it and leave it at the school yard. War effort needs all available scrap, students will pick up. Boy Scout have charge of the paper collection.

In NOvember, the Senior Class gave the play 'School for Girls'.

1944- A shop class was started in the building (across the road from the Fire Station) owned by Art Holcomb.. It was set up with

machinery etc. by government surplus. In February, Ray Haines, took the Coop truck and picked up the machinery, Mr. Phelps and Clifford Reed went along to help. This wasn't just for students any farmer's machinery that needed repair, they could bring it in.

In March, Senator C.J.Town got Governor Kelly to come to North Adams to speak to the Men's Club. It was held at the school and the Band played.



The Junior play was ' Feudin' in the Hills'.

Some of the teachers for the year were Supt. Phelps,DeWitt Sawyer, Frances Draper, Eva Overly, Ermie Hornblow, Evangeline Masker and Coach C.W. Barclay.

Twenty Seniors graduate. Co-Valedictorians-Ruth Gray (Peacock) and Charles Boyle; Salutatorian- Alice Bates (Monroe). Motto: 'Keep Climbing'.

Three of the Alumni have been killed or missing in action in the war.

1944-1945 - ' High Pressure Homer' was the play given by the Seniors.

The Juniors gave the play 'Pleased to Meetcha'.

Rules were set up for the school, if the siren blew for a Black Out. No telephone calls could be made for 15 minutes unless an emergency; All children and adults off the street; All schools and business places must have window shades or coverings so that no light beams can penetrate.

All schools in Michigan have a 7th War Loan figure of $50,000 and North Adams has been established at $4650. However, Mr. Phelps has set the local quota at $5700 as the school had met $5600 during the 6th War Loan.

On many Saturdays, Mr. Phelps would take a pick-up truck and with students pick up iron or anything that could be recycled. for war material.

Because of gas shortage and money shortage during war years Supt. Phelps would get films and show on Saturday at the school for any one . Free.

Nineteen Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, Florence Walters and Salutatorian Billie Lewis. Motto: 'Rowing not Drifting'.

Montie Shults, Custodian and Jay and Don North, Bus drivers.

There were 240 students in the school this past year. 80 in High School, Junior High 41, Grades 5-6 41, Grades 3-4 30, Grades 1-2 38, Kindergarten, 20. The number of students in the Grades were higher , due to the closing of nearby Districts.

Books were difficult to buy at the beginning of the year as they did not receive them from the publishers. Books were not rationed just difficult to buy.

The machine shop was closed and the government was picking up their machinery, as the war was over no more government funding.

The old barn next to the school was remodeled for a shop a place for 2 buses. Clifford Reed had gone to Lansing and taken a short course in shop and welding and he taught the class.

1945-1946 The North Adams High School name was changed to the North Adams Rural Agriculture School.

At the beginning of the school year was initiation time for the Freshmen. In the early 1900's, there was a watering tank by the hotel (cite of village parking lot) fed by a windmill. The Freshmen (boys) would be taken down there and dunked in the tank. Years later that tank was done away with and the the boys were taken across the road to the barn and horse tank and dunked there. After Phelps came it was stopped but they still had initiation. Mary (my daughter) said when she was a Freshman, they had an assembly program. She had to get up in front of the school blind folded and told to eat the eyeballs in the dish. (inside of grapes).

All grades through K-8, texts books will be provided, each student will pay a fee of $1.00 for use of his books during the year. Unnecessary destruction of school books by student will require a fine or replacement.

The Senior play was'Deacon Dubbs'.

Commencement exercises for 17 Seniors. Valedictorian, Herbert Smith and Salutatorian , Mary Davis (Comstock). Motto: Tonight we launch where shall we anchor'

The Seniors took a boat trip to Mackinac Island from Detroit . (couldn't take a bus because of gas rationing).

Alumni Banquet, dinner $1.00 and dues 25¢.

A paper pick up in May was held. The money will go into a fund to buy chairs for the auditorian.

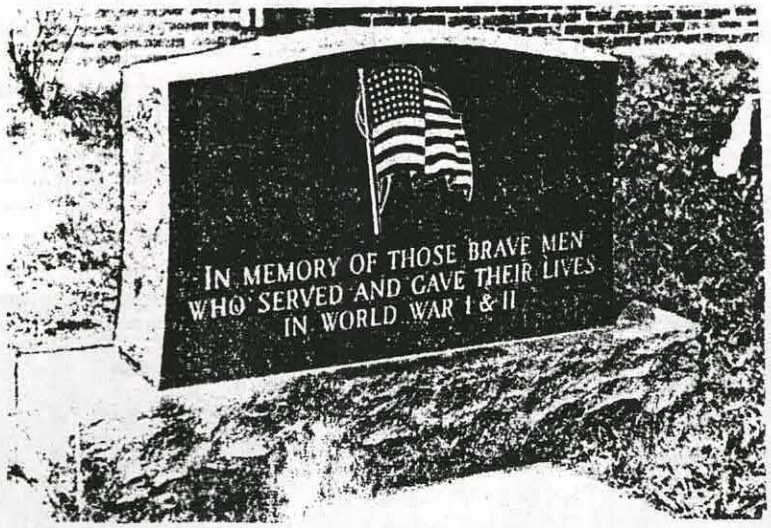
At the end of the school year, there was always a big picnic, in my rememberance, we went to Greenshaw's Landing or Durga's Landing at Farewell Lake. Several years later, the High School would go to Devils Lake and the grades would go to Ella Sharp Park at Jackson. Other lakes that they went to were Round Lake and Swain's Lake.

1946-1947 - The Juniors gave the play 'Double Exposure'.

Bleachers were set up in the corridors for basket ball and other entertainment. I don't know the correct date when this was done.

Twenty-three Seniors to graduate. Valedictorian, Barbara VanCamp (Smith) and Salutatorian, Ila May Seewer (Dryer). Motto: 'Best Foot Forward'.

Tribute To War Dead



A monument honoring former students killed in World War 1 and World War 11 was unveiled at the Baccalaureate service by Supt. Phelps and then placed in front of the school building. (it was moved to Northlawn Cemetery, after the school was closed. in the village). This might have been in '48 but Ila May thought that it was at her Baccalaureate.

1947-1948 Agriculture had been dropped from the schools curriculum for sometime but some of the students were interested in starting it again. Robert Dennis was asked to come as their instructor. He had,had his schooling at MAC.

The students had a scrap drive, netting over $200, making it possible to establish a North Adams Chapter of FFA.

Some of the students are helping to prepare the foundation of the new bus barn, at the corner of Cutler and Toledo Street. When completed it will hold 3 buses and the shop will be in the back of the building.(This might have been '47 or '49.).

Twenty-eight Seniors to graduate. Their Motto: 'Success Our Star'. They were all working for this'Success'as there were 6 top Seniors - Shirley Smith, Beverly Drake, June Thornton, Joy Draper, Ellen Kies and Fred Mercer. (From Chatter Box). Senior play 'Aunt Samantha rules the Roost'.

A tribute to Montie Shults by the Chatter Box. 'We can always depend on you'.

In December, boys and girls Glee Club made a recording which will be broadcast over over radio station WABJ Christmas morning directed by Vivian Walworth.

Montie Shults

1949-50

1948-1949 - Teachers for the year are, Supt. Phelps; Prin. DeWitt Sawyer; Ardith Granger; Vera Sawyer; Robert Dennis; Vivian Walworth; Frances Draper; Mrs. Hersha; Edith Worley; Mr. Lawrence; Mr. Lint Band Director.

In April, ground work was started on the new band room.

Spring Musical Festival 'America Sings' Mrs. Walworth, Director.

Thirth-two to graduate, the largest class. Honor students are Awilda Levering, Shirley Winner, Margaret Fuller, Barbara Draper, and Beverly Goodacre tied for 4th. Motto: 'Always Forward'.

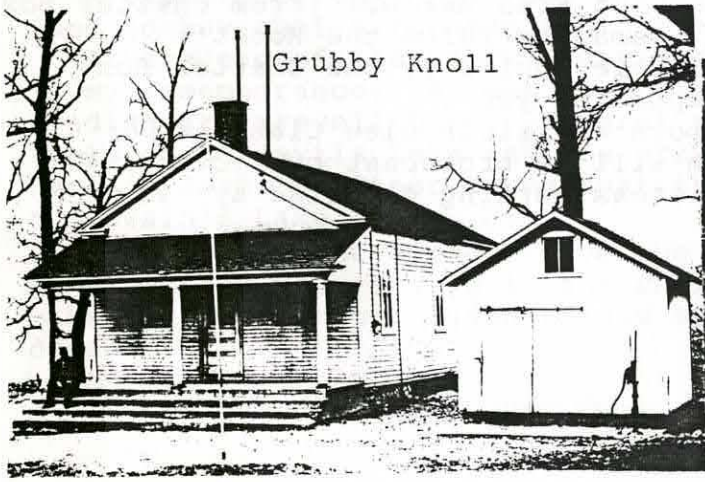
Mrs. Walworth had a very good boys chorus during these years. They sang at many different places.

BOYS' CHORUS

Front Row: Rogers Coman, Jack Mosely, Chas. Harter, Alan Willams, Thomas Simer, and Mrs. Walworth. 2nd Row: William Bays, John Towe, Milton Foster, Everett Adams, Ralph Markle, and David Clowe. 3rd Row: Dennis Tuttle, Harold Kittle, D. A. Wisner, Lawrence Sroufe, Cecil Horn, Spencer Kelly, Don Markle, and Milford Lyons. Back Row: Duane Draper, Perry Sharp, R. D. Thompson, Ronald Hawkins, Jr. Benn, Chas. Fry, Eugene Fry, and Jerry Fouty.

1949-1950 -At the beginning of this school year, the 3rd grade went to Grubby Knoll with Pauline Carney as their teacher and the 4th grade went to Mud Lake, Pauline Ruder , the teacher.

One boy that went to Grubby Knoll was asked where he went to school? He said, "Don't you know, right where the bus stops."



Grubby Knoll

Mud Lake

In February, the new 'Band Cottage' has been completed and will be used by other groups when music isn't scheduled. (The building is back of the school in the north west corner). Joe Supak was the builder but there were many volunteers that helped in laying the floor, sanding, painting and other work on the building.

The Girls Glee Club invited to sing in the 'Festival of Song' at the Tulip Festival at Holland.

The FFA boys went to Chicago and visited many places of interest.

Twenty-three Seniors to graduate. Top Honors go to Lawrence Sroufe, Fred Cortright, Marjorie MacLennon and Donna Kline. Motto:'Finished yet Beginning.'

Supt. Phelps made a list of approximately the cost of the Senior trip to Washington DC and New York. Estimated gas $125. camping $50; meals for adults $75; meals for students $120 (20 at $6); miscellaneos expense $7.78; students $50. Total $427.78. It should take care of all expenses.

Alumni Banquet at the school.

Some of the Alumni that are business in the village- Rex Beach '44; Bernard Crater '41; Cleve Crater '14; Guy Gray '44; Bert Holcomb '27; Reg. Jones '40; Art Holcomb '04; George Lynch '23; James MacKenzie '38; Del Comstock '41; Virgil Pope '49; Paul Sharp '10; B.Reid Shepard ' 10; Calvin Town '34; Herman Walters '27; Gordon Walworth '27; Keith Williams '26; Claude Reed '40; Doris Holcomb Beauty Shop '29

Holiday Chase

(By Bonolyn Ford)

Dear READER: Not in position to be OVERLY SHARP I have BENN given a LONGBRAKE and to spin the WEBB much finer, a challenge to FOSTER a race.

Our destination was CLEVELAND. The cars involved were a GRAY FORD and a BROWN KYSER. VANCAMP'S was the first stop to refuel.

The cars were loaded to capacity and heading NORTH we passed a little BROWN CHURCH, a lovely BEACH beside a LAKE where the DRAKE'S were having their morning swim.

One of the cars was filled with tradesmen which included a POTTER, a SAWYER, a TAYLOR. a MASON, and a SMITH. The other car contained two politicians, KELLY and DEWEY accompanied by the KING of Mars.

Many small TOWNS we passed through were a mere blur. The speed was terrific. The chatter between our politicians became heated and they were all a LATHER HAIGHT was in their eyes as some one sounded a HORN—the KYSER passed the FORD.

The tradesmen chuckled with glee and were ready to GAMBLE on the outcome of the CHASE. All of a sudden a tire blew out, the car skidded, no, they both did, and they landed in a MARSH. STUCK in the MEYER they needed a TOWE. The State Police appeared to REED the road laws.

Again on the highway they sped on to CLEVELAND. Arriving late the streets were congested. We did not WELCH but parked in an ALLEY. No one was in the mood to shop.

After declaring the WINNER the COOK was asked to FRY a KITTLE of LYONS. RUDER than most contestants they proceeded to drink the WELLS dry.

HAPPENINGS ON THE HOXIE SPECIAL BUS LINE

The Bus driver awakens at 5:30 to 6:00 a. m., dresses, builds the furnace fire, and then off to the barn and other chores such as feeding the cattle, sheep, and hogs. Then milking takes place, and then breakfast with the family. This is all done rather hurriedly so as to have time to build the Grubby Knoll fire, so it will be nice and cozy when the 3rd graders arrive. Now I am ready for the big No. 4 Diamond T.

The bus sallies forth from its moorings at the hour of 7:45 (This has already been warming up while the fire is getting under motion.)

The first stop is at Hick's. Only one gets on as the rest have other ways of getting to school. Then we reach the Lyons' den. They very seldom ride and away we go for Hartsells, and on he clambers. We next draw up in front of Gerald Wells. 2 boys and a girl get on, and by the time the door is shut we are in front of Burkholders, Jeanette being last one on as she walks so slow. So far the roads are pretty bumpy, but they are better now. I start blowing the horn west of Hallowells, and most generally wait for Freddy until everybody is getting uneasy. Now we are within ½ mile of Hoxie. Next stop Hoxie, and on climbs the Spahr's. 3 to 7 of them. Away we go down to Bumpuses and pick up a senior and another little gal, both pretty good-natured. Back we head for Hoxie, slow up, and load on the Belknap girl, then over the hill to Hoxie again. We turn south and get another senior and six others. Nothing much happens here only Billy Bayes puts on Ty Cobb sliding act by mistake. Breakfast time for some people now. We stop at Gerald Kecks and look through the window and watch Gerald eat pancakes, Francis gets on and down to Fergusons we go, and on gets the pride and joy of Edgar and Ada. Edgar is a pretty good egg for that is where we borrowed gas when our tank was empty. Then we drift on to Schneiders and pick up 4 there and once in a while a swell cake. Away we go for Hoxie again and our next stop is 3 miles away. We pull up in front of E. E. Easterdays and pick up the Wood children. Oh! Please pardon me. I mean Ash children. We now have had our last look at Hoxie until night. We go down to the Church home and on climbs a gal who doesn't talk much. We stop by and pick up Flash Gordon and his flashier brother, Tommy. Now we are at the Bross school house. There we get the little and large Small children. Up till now we have had no quarrels or arguments, but we have a stormy path ahead. On our very next stop we get Harold Mayer and Hilda. Time 8:25. At 8:30 we turn north for North Adams and pick up a few more youngsters on the roughest road in Hillsdale County. If everyone comes to school from this trip we pull up and expel 67 children that are to be this vicinities young Americans of tomorrow.

Written by "Barney Oldfield."

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E. Jay Carney.

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1950-1951 -THe Senior Girls Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Granger, participated in the State District Festival in Jackson, won a rating of excellant.

The school had a speech contest in extempore speaking, dramatic, declamatory and oratory, with Quincy.

At an english assembly program, the students requested the teacher, Lawrence Wilson to recite his version of 'Casey at the Bat' which he did with emphasis.

In March, the elementary building was started with Kenneth MacLennan as contractor.

The Band won 1st place at the Band Festival in Jackson. They are entitled to a State Band Plaque for this year rating. Mr. Lint, Band Director.

The largest class of 39 to graduate. Top Honors go to: Bonalyn Ford; Harriet Brayton; Beverly Taylor; Agnes Bailey; Phyllis Webb; and Iva Ruder. Motto: 'Knowledge is Power'.

The Seniors attended the the Alumni Banquet and the next day left for their trip to Washington D C.

Following is a report of their trip, written by a Senior, 'Ride, Ride, Ride; and still more 'Ride'. Through Toledo, Akron, Pittsburg into the Appalachian Mountains and to the dot on the map, Bedford,Pa. A mountain there, 50% mud and 50 % cold air, was to be our home for the night. After '4 lengthy' hours of sleep we're on our way again to Gettsburg then to Washington D.C., New York and Niagara Falls and home again.

R.E.Dennis, agriculture teacher, resigns to take a job as short course instructor at Michigan State .

The new elementary school nears half-way mark, expects to be ready for opening in the fall. Cost $120,000.

Schools starting in September, 2nd grade at Veile, 3rd grade Grubby Knoll and 4th at Mud Lake, north side kindergarten through 6th at Jerome school, all others at North Adams school.

In November, the School Board passed a resolution, requesting that the town of Adams forbid the opening of a Beer Garden located on the Cleveland property. (across the road from the new elementary school).

The School Board voted to allow a 5 day sick leave for teachers.

Russel Stevens was hired to do the grading for the recreation field.

1951-1952 - Teachers for the year are-Supt. Phelps. Prin. DeWitt Sawyer, Mr. Davenport, Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. Towns,Mr. Holliday, Mr. Watkins. Mrs. Walworth, Mr. Jones, Miss Gust, Miss Clark, Mrs. Overly, Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Binns.

Supt. Phelps resigned and DeWitt Sawyer was acting superintendant. In October, E.W. Born took over as the Superintendant.

Forty-four in the Kindergarten, the group was divided one in the morn and one in the afternoon.

The American Legion, Masons and Stars presented an American flag to the schools.

Dedication of the new Elementary School Saturday March 15th, Supt. Born made special note of the fact that the new building is fully paid for.

Janitor Montie Shults went to the new building and Dawson Henvy hired for the High School.

The classes are growing, 43 Seniors received their diplomas. Valedictorian, Frances Smith (Richards) and Salutatorian, Stanna Coman (Wells). Motto:'Thus Endeth the First Lesson'.

Senior play 'Kicked out of College'.

In July, Russel Reed, Bill Gamble went to Interlockin for a month of study in music.

After the Elementary opened, the girls play room at the High School was used for woodwork shop and the boys play room for shop.

The School Board voted to sell Grubby Knoll, Mud Lake and Veile schools, no need for them now.

School to start the day after Labor Day and voted to close all Fair week.

Treasurer's Report

1851- 1952

Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements.

Total Fund Balances June 30, 1951 --------			$ 58,153.04
Receipts:			
Amount of current tax collecting		$ 29,730.63	
General Operating	16,800.25		
Building & Site	8,622.14		
Debt Service	4,308.24		
Amount of Delinquent Tax Collected		$ 3,432.42	
General Operating	2,069.48		
Building & Site	671.66		
Debt Service	691.28		
Balance & Tax			$ 91,316.09
State & Federal Aids			
Primary Monies		$ 20,740.51	
State Aid		$ 74,762.19	
Agriculture		$ 1,856.08	
Sales Tax Money		$ 18,745.57	
Library		$ 624.63	
Home Economics & Vocational		$ 2,476.28	
Aids			$119,205.26
Other Receipts			
High School Tuition		$ 1,535.04	
Transportation of Non-Residents		$ 273.77	
Hot Lunch		$ 8,428.76	
Non-Revenue - Veterans		$ 5,869.79	
Other Receipts		$ 1,567.36	
Refunds		$ 411.34	
			$ 17,674.72
			411.34
			$ 18,086.06
Grand Total of Balances & All Receipts			$ 228,607.41
Total Disbursements			$ 189,125.29
Balance June 30,1952			$ 39,482.12

Disbursements:		
Salaries of Board of Education	$ 300.00	
Other Expense of Board of Educ.	$ 40.04	
Salary of Phelps, Sawyer & Born	$ 6,284.66 ?	
Clerical Salary	$ 1,356.85	
Supplies & Election & Census	$ 841.28	
Other Administative Expense	$ 1,600.00	
		$ 10,669.27

Instruction:		
Salary of Principal	$ 3,070.44	
Salaries of Teachers	$ 67,428.53	
Teaching Supplies	$ 1,256.34	
Textbooks	$ 1,619.96	
School Library	$ 352.90	
Other Instructional Expense	$ 674.61	
		$ 74,402.78
Hot Lunch:	$ 11,179.96	
		$ 11,179.76 ?
Operation of School Plants:		
Wages	$ 4,816.21	
Fuel	$ 4,227.69	
Operating Supplies	$ 480.24	
		$ 9,523.14
Maintenance of School Plants:	$	
Grounds	$ 60.00	
Building	$ 1,051. 47	
Furniture and Equipment	$ 27.35	
Other Maintenance Expense	$ 1,036 .11	
		$ 2,174.93
Fixed Charges:		
Rent	$ 5.00	
Insurance	$ 2527.31	
		$ 2,532.31
Auxiliary Services:		
Transportation	$ 16,743.37	
Other	$ 7.65	
School Recreational activities	$ 564.77	
		$ 17,315.79
Capital Outlay:		
Buildings	$ 269.87	
Furniture & Equipment	$ 3,689.62	
Other	$ 170.00	
		$ 4,129.49
Supplemental Disbursements:		
Veterans	$ 4,908.59	
		$ 4,908.59

Building & Site Fund:

C.M.Schlenker	$ 17,567.59
C. & K Electric	$ 4,669.30
A.K.MacLennan	$ 19,400.00
Carl Kressback	$ 2,841.22
Russel Stevens	$ 1,975.00
Gypsum Contractors	$ 2,003.75
Michigan Products	$ 1,071.32
Elliott Ice & Coal	$ 73.53
Miscellaneous	$ 147.32
	$ 49,748.03

Debt Retirement :

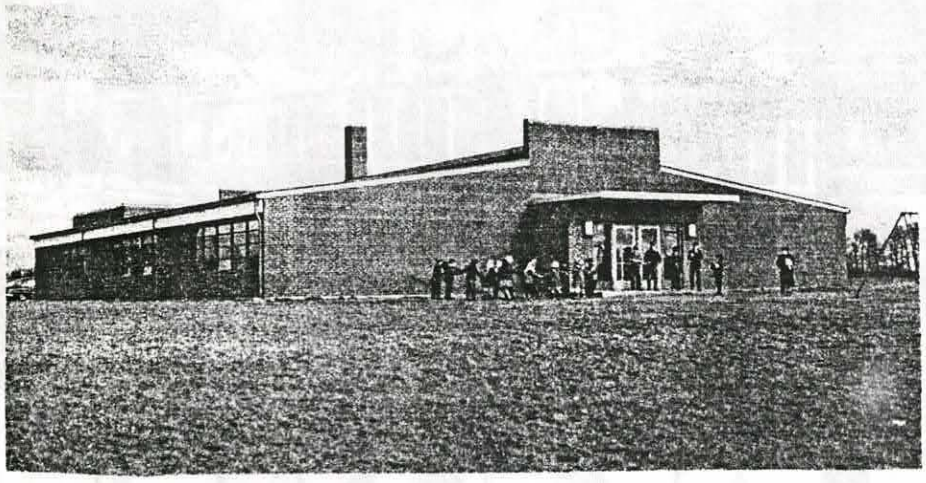
Bond Retired on High School Building:	$ 2000.00
Interest on Outstanding Bonds	$ 540.00
	$2,540.00

Total Disbursements: $ 189,125.29

HINTS TO TEACHERS

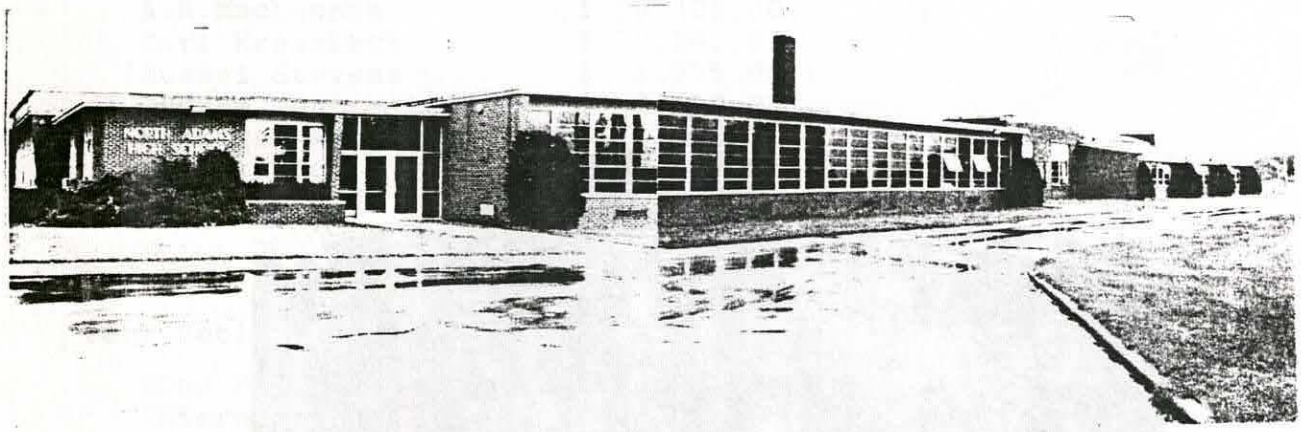
1. Don't be late to class(Students will think they can be,also)
2. Don't be late to school Ditto
3. Don't leave a class (Students think they can leave also)
4. Plan your lesson well(Students think they don't have to prepare a lesson, if you are unprepared)
5. Be in the hall between classes (Students will act different if you are)
6. Do you dress neat (Students will dress neatly if you do)
7. Get your equipment ready before class begins don't have to to get material that you have forgotten.
8. Don't watch the clock (Students will watch clock also)
9. Don't become familiar with students
10. Conduct class as if were business not play
11. Time passes faster when you are busy
12. Students like to be made to behave
13. Demand perfect work for A grades
14. Don't just put in time (School is the same as business, we have a job to do if we don't do it someone else will)
15. Don't think that the place can't get along with out you
16. Know where all your people are all the time.

New Elem. School



1952-1953 The new Superindendent Paul McQueen.
The Senior class play 'No Boys Allowed'.
Thirty-seven Seniors to graduate- Valedictorian Mary Morehead and Russel Reed , Salutatorian. Motto: Life is a Picture, Paint it Well'.
Alumni Banquet at the schoolhouse.
In November, the Juniors gave their play 'Hill Billy Wedding'.
1953-1954 - The Senior Class play 'Come out of your Coma'.
Thirty-nine to graduate, Valedictorian,Eva Ruder (Richardson) and Co-Salutatorians Hannah LaRue and Doris Truitt (Russ). Motto: 'At the Foothills, still Climbing'.
There was driver's training this year.
I read where the School Board voted in 1952 to light the ball field but in 1954, I found where the business men discussed the possibilities of a lighted athletic field. A committee was appointed to check other towns on the cost and construction of such a project.
1954-1955 - Teachers for the year: Supt. Paul McQueen; Prin. DeWitt Sawyer; Ned Towns; Frances Draper; Don Davenport, Coach; Bruce Crow;Charlotte Smith,music; Mary Vanderbeek; Vera Sawyer; Mrs. McQueen; Richard Sebring; Lois Bohn; Eva Overly; Mr. Watkins; Robert Harris, Band;
Senior play,'Crazy but Cute'.
Diplomas were given to 47 Seniors, Shirley Lisner, Valedictorian and Beverly Berger, Salutatorian. Motto:'Thus endeth our first Lesson'.
1955-1956- The Seniors gave the play 'Room for one More'.
Commencement was held at the school, 30 in the class. Mary Jane Lynch (Deck), Valedictorian and Janice Rogers, Salutatorian. Motto:'Climb though the Rocks be Rigged'.

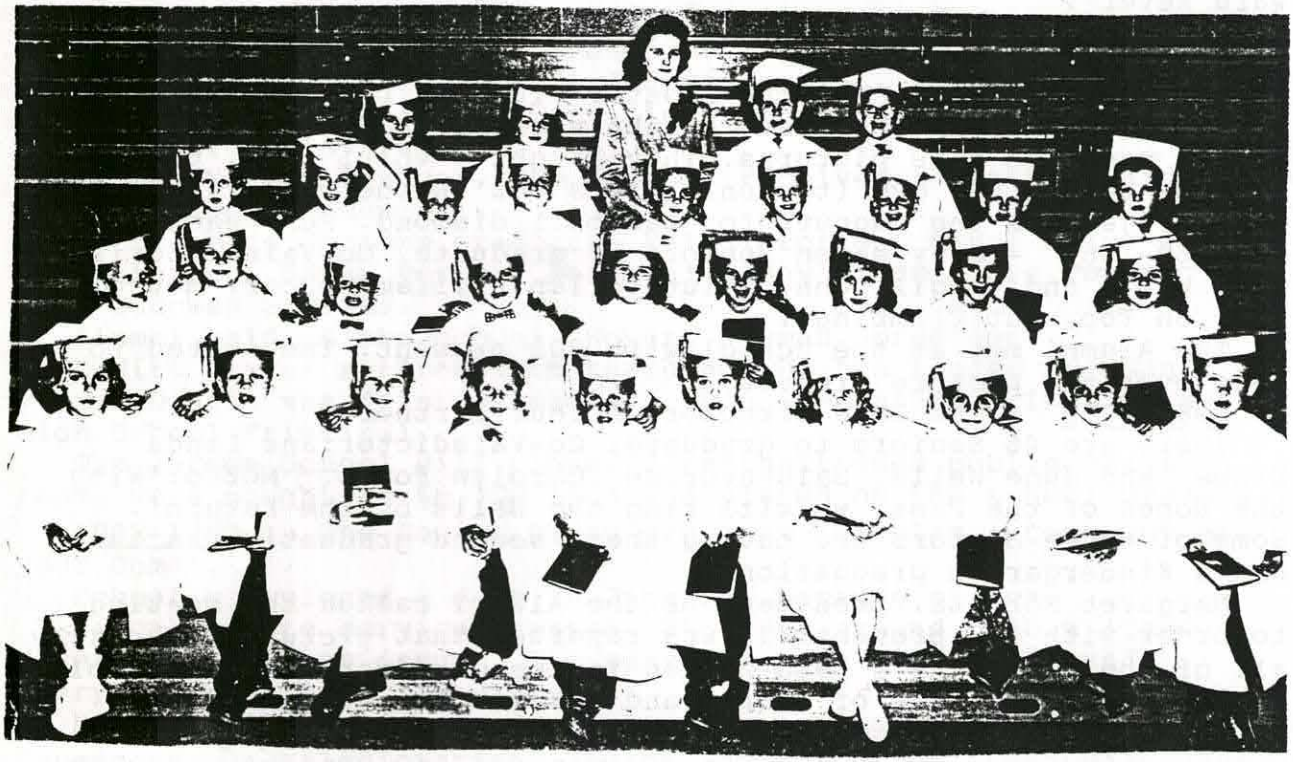
1956-1957 - President of the School Board, Garry Sarles and Treasurer, Alvin Wells lay the cornerstone at the new High School, , hope to have it ready by fall.



North Adams High School
451 Knowles Road
North Adams, Michigan 49262

The Senior play'Remarkable Incident at Carson's Corners.'
Thirty-one in this Senior class, Valedictorian- Joyce Calbetzer and Salutatorian- Gladys Morehead. Motto: 'At the Foothills and still Climbing'.
This class was the last class to graduate from the school in the village.
1957-1958-The High School started in the Elementary building that was made over for the High School. An addition to the building, a large auditorium and a shop at a cost of $300,000. The Elementary will go back to the school in the village.
This class of 31 is the first to graduate in this building. Valedictorian, Dena Randall, Salutatorian ?. Motto: 'Thus Endeth the first Step on the Pathway to Success'.
The Alumni was held in the new building with 309 attending.
This was the last year for Supt. McQueen.
1958-1959 North Adams Public School. The new Supt. Lewis Munday
The Band receives a 1st at the District Festival.
The Seniors gave the play ' So this is Bliss'.
Thirty Seniors receive their diplomas. Valedictorian, Jacqueline Hilliar (Lynch) and Salutatorian Shirley Crall (Bisel). Motto: 'The Past cannot be Changed, the future is still in our Hands'.

1959-1960 -Thirty-two Kindergartners graduate. They will be Seniors in 1972. Mrs. Spahr is their teacher.



The Senior class play 'Cupid Pig Tails'.

Thirty-three in the graduating class and honors go to Marilyn Bohn (Gifford), Valedictorian and Salutatorian Geraldine Wells (McGiverin). Motto: 'Not Finished, just Beginning'.

There were 226 at the Alumni Banquet, Don Zorn, President.

1960-1961 - Harold Trott takes over as Superintendant.

During the winter , the Seniors took a trip to Gilbert Lodge near Traverse City for tobogganing, skiing, ice skating and snow shoeing.

Diplomas were given to 27 Seniors at Commencement, Linda Giddings, Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Patricia Jennings. Motto: 'Impossible as Un-American'.

Alumni met at the school for dinner and program.

Leo Scheffer, agriculture and shop teacher is leaving . He has taught here for 6 years.

During the summer, a sidewalk was built to the school from the village and street lights were installed..

1961-1962 - The Senior play was 'Absolute Murder'.

Twenty-eight Seniors graduate, Valedictorian, Ellen Wells and Salutatorian, Janice Tucker. Motto: 'Knowledge is Temporal, Faith is Eternal'.

Alumni met at the school, David Hersh, president.

1962-1963 - A good many days in January and February, there was no school, due to frigid weather (12 and 15 below zero) and snow.

The Seniors,Junior play was 'Campbells are Coming' and their Senior play 'The Skelton Walks'.

The class spent a week end at Jack and Jill Ranch before school was out.

Forty-one in the graduating class, Valedictorian, Charles Jennings and Salutatorian, James Foust. Motto: 'Forward Ever, Backward Never'.

Alumni Banquet at the school with 265 present. Doris Hill Holcomb, president.

(I missed this in '62) The Booster Club has been in operation for about one year. They have bought a camera and constructed a 'crows nest' to take pictures. They bought a whirl pool, put in a press box in the gym (the only press box in the county). Their next project is the dugouts for baseball diamond. Rex Beach,Pres.

1963-1964 -Forty-seven Seniors to graduate, Co-Valedictorians John Wells and Virgil Bohn, Salutatorian William Mercer. Motto: 'Not on Top, but Climbing'.

The Alumni met at the school with 302 present. They voted to take over the picture project.

1964-1965 - The Band Director, Arthur Bartner.

There are 46 Seniors to graduate, Co-Valedictorians Linda Draper and June Wells, Salutatorian ,Carolyn Foust. Motto:'With the Ropes of the Past, we will ring the Bells of the Future'. Some of these Seniors are having their second graduation as they had a Kindergarten graduation.

Margaret Roberts, president of the Alumni called the meeting to order with 309 present. It was reported that pictures of nearly all of the Alumni have been placed in the corridor at the school. The frames were gifts of George and Genevieve Lynch.

1965-1966 'Festivals of Songs' given by Elementary grades, Robert Radabaugh, Director. James McGuire, Superintendent.

Fifty-four Seniors, the classes are growing in size. Michael Caswell, Valedictorian and George Winchell, Salutatorian. Motto: 'Life is a Picture, Paint it Well'.

There were 360 at the Alumni Banquet, President, Jay Carney. Robert Peters, Band Director.

1966-1967 - Another bad month for the school, the weather taking over. On January 25, it was 50 degrees, but changed on the 26, went down to 26 degrees, snowed and sleeted, 27th no school because of ice and snow. Worst storm in Chicago in years. In February, snow drifts closing school again,5 to 14 below zero.

Bruce Caswell has been selected to go to West Point.

The largest class will graduate, 58 Seniors. Valedictorian, Bruce Caswell and Michael Adams, Salutatorian. Motto: 'Don't try Dieing, Die Trying'. John Leech, Superintendent.

The Senior play was 'The Darling Brat'.

There were 287 present at the Alumni Banquet, Howard Newman, president. Vera Crasper Sawyer, an Alumnus was honored for her 40 years of teaching, 22 years in the North Adams School.

1967-1968 - New teachers for the year are: Supt. John Leech; Mrs. Fred Halladay; Dan Marco; Bob Gaberdiel, Head Coach; Ted Kay; and Michael Witt.

The Seniors presented the play 'The Sunshine Twins'.

The Representatives of the FFA Chapter won 1st place and Gold Rating in Parlimentary procedure contest.

Russel Reed, member of the class of '53 was guest Band Leader for the Mass Band held at North Adams School. He directed 378 high school musicians from schools in Hillsdale County.

At State Band Meet, North Adams won No.1 Rating in all selections, Mr. Peters Instructor. A Judges comment, " You must have half of your school in the Band, lots of fine musicians. Bravo! "

The Junior play 'Oh,Man'.

At the Honors Banquet, the Juniors received the skit award, 'A Day at the Induction Center'.

Forty-three Seniors graduate- Valedictorian, Carol Shaw and Salutatorian, Karen Porter. Motto: ' Today's Ideas are Tomorrows Success Stories.'

Alumni held at the school, Howard Newman, president.

DeWitt Sawyer retires from teaching. He has taught for many years. DeWitt was first a teacher, then Elementary Principal and High School Principal.

The Jerome School will close, 2 reconditioned mobile class rooms were bought at $6,700 each and placed on the school grounds.

1968-1969 - The Senior Class presents the play ' Come out of your Coma'.

School was closed 2 days in January because of ice.

Baccalaureate service started at 8:00, around 8:30,a 'Take Cover' warning was issued. The services were dismissed and every one went home immediately.

Diplomas were given to 48 Seniors by acting Superintendent Don Davenport. Co-Valedictorians Janice and Joyce Wells and Salutatorian Paula Redding. Motto:'Our Way of Life today is our Pathway for Tomorrow'.

Alumni President, Roscoe Haines called the meeting to order, the dinner was prepared by Band parents. Mr. Allen is the Band Director.

Frances Young Draper,class of '25, is retiring. She has taught in North Adams school for 32 years.

1969-1970 - In February, the FFA team received a Gold Star Rating in Leadership Training contest and will compete in the Regionals February 26.

There are two different dates for Helen Hoffman's retirement. In May 1968, Supt. Leech presented Helen Beach Hoffman with an inscribed gold watch in appreciation of the 23 years of service she has given the school and in this year 1970, she retires after 25 years as Head cook.

There are 47 graduates, Alice Gale, Valedictorian and Tom Hammond, Salutatorian. Motto:'Today we Follow, Tomorrow we Lead '.

Alumni held at the school with 207 present, Charles Randall, President.

School started in the fall with the following teachers: Supt. Harold Trott; Prin. Donald Davenport; Al Williams; Michael Witt; Ned White; Robert Peters (Band);Helen Wells(Librarian); Cheryl Smallak; Glen Ruder; Dan Marco; Shirley Koneki; Willard Johnston; Charles Doolittle; Kathryn Davenport;Paul Carter; Dan Keeler; Vivian Walworth; Shirley Williams; Lois Binns; Abe Stoll;Bonnie Reamer; Robert Gaberdiel; Helen Thornton; Marie Howard;Cornelia Fowler; Gary Adams; Beverly Sharp; Ron Boone; Cecelia Steel;Mary Carter; Joyce Tucker; Barbara Waters;Sandra Lewis; Jane Fagan; Colleen Spahr; Bonnie Drake.

All kindergarten children living south of the village will attend school in the morning and those living north will attend in the afternoon.

1970-1971 - The school has bought a lot in the new Walworth Parkway Subdivision and a house will be built by the house building class.

Drama class presented the play 'Night of January 16', directed by Paul Carter.

Baccalaureate on Sunday night and Commencement on Wednesday night with 55 to graduate. Valedictorian, Stanley Hersh and Salutatorian , Deborah Beach.Motto:'Not how much Time you put in,it's what you put in the Time that Counts.'

Alumni was held, Mike Rogers, President.

1971-1972 -In May,a bomb scare at the school, someone had called in and said that a bomb would go off within 72 hours. School closed for 3 days. School was to be out June 1, but classes will have to be made up, June 2, 5th and 6th.

Fifty-nine Seniors graduate (largest class). Valedictorian, Jeff MacKenzie and Salutatorian, Nancy Wells. Motto: 'Our Goal is not to get ahead but to get ahead of ourselves'.

The Alumni Banquet was attended by 240. Grethel Carney Spratt, President.

1972-1973 - December 12th -13th no school too much ice.

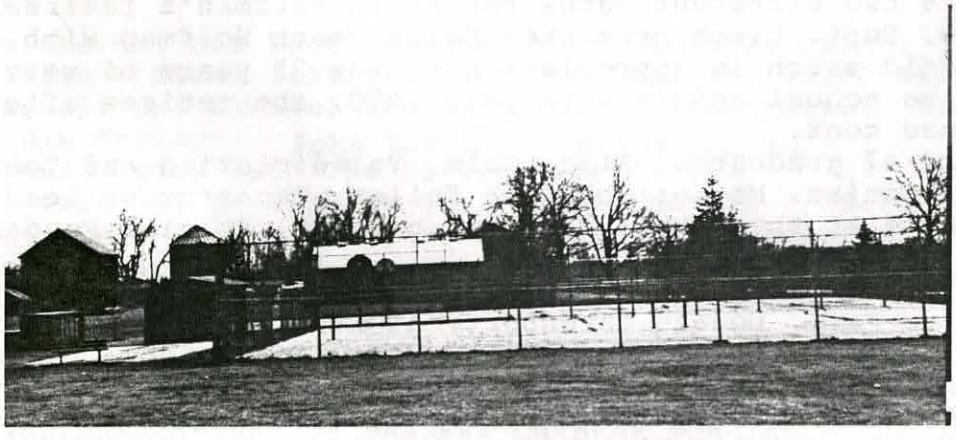
Forty-three Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, Sue Caulkins and Salutatorian, Lorraine Morehead. Motto:'The Youth of Today is the Strength of Tomorrow'.

In January, someone broke into the school and about $350 was taken.

At this time, Baccalaureate and Commencement was held on the same day. Baccalaureate at 2:30 and Commencement at 8:00. In '72 it was held this way and possibly before.

The Alumni Banquet was held and President Muriel Holcomb Bollen greeted 238 members and friends.

(I must digress a little. In '71, the tennis courts on the school grounds was financed by four townships- Adams, Moscow, Somerset and Wheatland, the village and the school. It was soon completed and ready for use.)



1973-1974 - New teachers for the year are Bill Dwyer, Lois Veenhoover, Cary Comstock, Carolyn Kerr, David Norman (band) and Helen Wells (librarian) after a years absense.

March 8, Eight students from another school were arrested for vandalism at the North Adams school. Damage included broken windows, obscenities, lights shot out on the scoreboard, basket ball nets cut, paint on tennis court and baseball dugout.

Harold Trott, Superintendent was elected 1st Vice President of Region 8 Of Michigan Association of School Administration. Region 8 is composed of superintendents of Hillsdale, Lenawee, Jackson, Washtenaw and Monroe Counties.

Forty-six Seniors to graduate, Valedictorian, Debra Griffis and Salutatorian Linda Alton (Kline). Motto: 'Todays Dreams are Tomorrows Realities.'

Alumni held at the school, Dale Smith, President

Donald Davenport resigns after 25 years in the North Adams School.

1974-1975 - In February, no school for two days and in April closed again because of the weather, even MSU was closed.

The 6th grade collected Campbell labels and were redeemed for rhythm instruments, including tambourines, rhythm sticks, bongo drums and sandpaper blocks. They would have cost between $60-$80.

Paul Carter, teacher of the drama class, directed the play ' No mother to guide her or'more to be pitied then censored.'

Caps and Gowns were worn by 48 Seniors. Theresa Hull, Valedictorian and Co-Salutatorians Leif Alton and Pamela Fry (Griffis). Motto:'Never forget old Memories, Always make new Ones'.

1975-1976 - Teachers for the year: Supt. Trott; Prin. Dale Summit; Al Williams; Dave Anspaugh; Willard Johnston; Tammy Fish; Kathryn Davenport; Paul Carter; Barb Breeden; Bruce Caswell; Don Davenport; Dan Keeler; Gary Bushman; Judy Evers; Wm Dwyer; Glen Ruder; Dave Schmorrow; Ned White; Kevin Williams; Shirley Williams; Jamie Lerzigynski; Helen Wells; Dan Marco; Abe Stoll and David Norman (band).

Diplomas given to 49 Seniors-Valedictorian, Rose Wells and Salutatorian, Sandra Nevins. Motto: 'Yesterday memories are Today's Dreams'.

Alumni Banquet with 165 in attendance. Jerry Smith, president.

1976-1977 - Daily News "Headline! North Adams school maybe able to Harness Gas. With oil well less than 1000 feet from the school building. There seems to be a good chance that the school will be allowed to convert its furnace to gas, presently escaping from the well to heat the building. A big savings in the heat bill."(They did use it for a short time).

April 13- Thirty-five students were expelled from school to-day. They were having a 'smoking fiestical' in the barn back of the school.

Fifty-five Seniors graduate, Valedictorian, Jay Alton and Salutatorian Dawn Black. Motto: 'Yesterday is Today's Memories, Tomorrow is Today's Dream.'.

Alumni at the school, 160 present. More graduates but less attending. May be due to the Seniors out of school 2 weeks before Alumni, A.J.Hayhoe ,president.

1977-1978 - In January it was 'Snowbound again', schools closed for several days.

May 5, Spring Concert, Band and High school choir.

Again I can say, the largest class, 63 Seniors to graduate, Valedictorian Penny Neer and Salutatorian Laurie Lynch. Motto: 'Youth is the Opportunity to do something and to become somebody'. Graduation was held on the Athletic Field.

Harmon Drake, president of the Alumni.

1978-1979 -In January, school closed for several days,14 to 20 below zero, snowing, blowing and drifting.

Again in April, school closed for a day because of an ice storm.

Forty-eight Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, Karen Ruder and Co-Salutatorians Marietta owens and Kipp Williams. Motto:'Cherish Yesterday, Dream for Tomorrow and Live for Today.'

The Alumni Banquet was held at the school with Brenda VanCamp Bollen as President. The 50 year class of '29 say, " Fifty years ago 15 graduated from the North Adams High School and attended the Alumni Banquet, 50 years later, 14 members of the class are present only one missing, Lorena Shull Beach was killed in an auto accident in 1963.

Eva Overly died February 9. She taught school in North Adams through three generations.

In August, North Adams voted to reject a bond issue for a new Junior- Senior high school.

1979-1980 - Blizzards in January made roads impassible, schools closed.

Fifty-four Seniors to graduate. It was to be on the Athletic Field.(I don't know whether they made it outside). Valedictorian, Jennifer Pickell and Salutatorian Judy Wagler. Motto: 'The Best is yet to be'.

Jewel Spratt Currin President of Alumni, welcomed 175 at the Banquet. No one there from the fifty year class.

Harold Trott retires from the school.He has taught in North Adams School for 15 years. Press Box named after Trott.

1980-1981 - The new Superintendent is Tom Kowalski.

On March 30, the school will go to the polls to decide on the future of the Jerome School. It presently serves 89 students in grades 1st through 4th.

The house building class are working on their 9th house.

There are 47 Seniors in the graduating class, Valedictorian, Kelly Lynch and Salutatorian, Debra Sems. Motto: 'There are two days about which we should not worry- Yesterday and Tomorrow'

The Alumni Banquet held at the school with 200 in attendance, Charles Bollen , President.

In December, the children at the school gave the christmas program, 'Charlie Brown's Christmas tree'.

1981-1982 - The latter part of January was bad for the North Adams-Jerome School, snow and ice made roads treacherous and again in March and April school was closed again.

Baccalaureate and Commencement held for 46 Seniors.Valedictorian Steven Pickell and Salutatorian Sue Johnston. Motto:'We have learned that Success is to be measured not so much by Position one has reached in Life as by the Obstacles which he has Overcome while trying to Succeed.'

At the Alumni Banquet- the 25 year class of '57 was the last class to graduate in the school building in the village. Muriel Bollen Peiffer , President.

1982-1983 - Graduation time and 45 Seniors graduate. Co-Valedictorian- Wendy Lynch and Suzanne Winner, Salutatorian Tamara Newell. Motto: 'Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the Goal.'

Jackie Hilliar Lynch greeted 181 at the Alumni Banquet.

In July, a new hard wood floor was installed in the high school gym replacing the old tile floor. It was paid for by fans and friends of the school purchasing one or more squares. Many purchased several squares.

In November, former superintendent Lewis Mundy dies at age of 57.

In December, snow and drifting caused schools to close.

The Elementary school presented the Christmas program, 'Angels, Lambs, Lady Bugs and Fireflies'.

1983-1984 In March school closed a couple of days due to slippery roads.

Supt. Kowalski presented diplomas to 42 Seniors. Valedictorian, Carrie Bollen and Salutatorian, Shelly Schondel. Motto: 'Live every day as if there is no Tomorrow because Tomorrow might not be another Day'.

Alumni Banquet attendance 190. Banquet closed early because of a severe thunderstorm. Mike Rogers, President.

1984-1985 The new year started with a severe ice storm in January and later snow and drifts closed school with sub-zero weather. School closed 2 days in February, snow and drifting and in March, ice and snow, no school.

In May, DeWitt Sawyer, local teacher for many years, dies.

Forty-four Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, Kelly Cortright and Salutatorian, LeAnn Pickering. Motto: 'Cherish Yesterday, Dream of Tomorrow, Live for Today'.

Rex Beach, President of the Alumni, welcomed 153 Alumni and friends.

Elementary Christmas program 'We wish you a Merry Christmas.'

1985-1986 -February, a bad school month, snow and ice, no school for 2 or 3 days.

Forty-six Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, Richard Trawick and Salutatorian, Michelle Medell. Motto: ' Believe in your Imagination and your Dreams will take Flight'.

Alumni at the school. Rex Beach, President.

After 30 years as cook and 'head cook' since 1970, Helen Beach retires.

The Elementary school gave the Christmas program 'Christmas around the World'.

1986-1987 -Supt. Tom Kowalski gave diplomas to 48 Seniors. Valedictorian, Dana Glei and Salutatorian, Che Galuska. Motto: 'Special Times, Special Places, Special Friends. Together the Moments pass so quickly but the Memories last Forever.'

The Alumni met at the school with 140 present. Pres. Rex beach.

Dana Glei and Brian Davis have been named by the Lion's Club All-State Band. They will participate in a 180 membership band which will take a 21 day tour of China beginning June 17.

December- The Art Club students of the High school have been working on a large christmas card to be in front of the school house.

'Stars Over Christmas' is the title of the christmas program given by the Elementary school.

1987-1988 -(Headlines in Daily News) 'School tour show deteriorating condition at Elementary School'.

A group of students have started SADD 'Students Against Drunk Driving'. It is an organization found at NA-J and many other schools. They work to help educate students against drinking and driving.

April 15, North Adams -Jerome millage loses for 4th time in 3 years on the bond issue to build a new school.

Thirty-nine Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, Nancy Owens and Salutatorian troy Vaughn. Motto: ' We came together a Stranger but we leave as eternal Friends'.

Alumni Banquet had an attendance of 160. Larry Smith,President.

Supt. Tom Kowalski resigns, he will go to St. Louis Public School.

The School Board members decided to repair Elementary school and use it for the next 2 years. A 'blue ribbon' committee has been set up to make plans for the future of the school.

1988-1989 School, starts with Woodrow Hall as new Superintendent.

January 24, Frances Young Draper, former teacher at North Adams High School for many years, dies at age of 81.

Supt. Hall gives diplomas to 39 Seniors. Valedictorian Carol Ruder and Salutatorian Cynthia goodwin. Motto: ' We create our Tomorrows, by what we Dream Today'.

Alumni Banquet, Mary Wells Dillon, President.

The school bought a new bus that will seat 75.

1989-1990 -Al Williams says," The Athletic Booster Club should be very proud of their accomplishments over the years. There are many things that the athletic program would be without if it wasn't the hard work and funds provided by the Boosters."

This is some of the things that the Boosters have done or helped with: Football Press Box and observation deck,weight room, football field lights,baseball field,batting cage nets and pitching machine, scoreboards (basket ball,football,baseball), volley ball poles,softball diamond, football headphones, helped with wood floor in gym. and with tile in All-purpose room,basket ball backboards, two scholarships annually and many other small things.

The drams class gave the play'The Boarding House Reach'.

Forty-eight Seniors graduate. Valedictorian Deborah Davis and Salutatorian. Andrew Keeler. Motto:'Special Time, Special Places, Special Friends Together, the moments pass so quickly but the memories last Forever'.

Alumni met at the school with Mary Wells Dillon, President.

In December, the millage passed to build a new Elementary school.

1990-1991 - Woodrow Hall Superintendent and Robert Black, Principal.

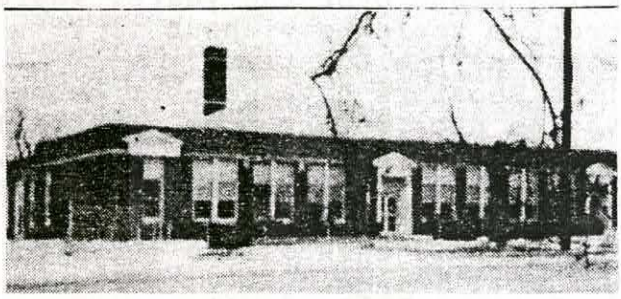
In closing the Elementary school, they are lacking space,so will have split sessions and portable rooms.

As there was no place for the drama class to meet, they have a class before school begins in the morning.

In March, there was a ground breaking for the new Elementary school at a cost of $2. 6 million.

Diplomas were given to 29 Seniors. Valedictorian, Beth Pickell and Salutatorian Pamela hunt.Motto: 'Remember when we were together, For the Memories we shared will last Forever'.

Alumni Banquet met honoring 50 year, 25 year and 1991 class, Mary Dillon, President.



PUBLIC AUCTION

The former North Adams-Jerome Elementary School will be sold at public auction, December 7, 1991. Lots of room, a huge lot. City sewer to be connected in the spring, make this old landmark an ideal conversion project. Apartments, offices, antique/craft mall, let your imagination be your guide. Complete building inspection reports available by calling Harold West at 287-4261 or Southern Michigan Realty, Inc. The terms of sale as follows: 10% earnest deposit the day of sale, balance in cash at closing on or before 12-20-91. Get your financing arranged, and come prepare [illegible]. Phil Haines and Martin Barnhart, auctioneers.

On December 7, the old school building was sold at auction.

1991-1992 -In January, all the Elementary was in the new building. Previously Elementary housed only 1st through 4th with Kindergarten in portable buildings and 5th and 6th in High school. The High school has a new science room, a band room and library.

Open house of the new building was held in May.

Forty-three Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, April Yoder and Salutatorian, Christine Hall. Motto: ' We cannot discover new Oceans unless we have the Courage to lose sight of the Shore.'

Alumni Banquet held at the school, Mary Dillon, President.

Beverly Drake Sharp retires after teaching in North Adams School for 31 years.

1992-1993 -New playground equipment was installed during the summer of '92. All volunteer.

Some of the Staff Officers and Teachers for the year: Supt. Woodrow Hall, Robert Black, Prin.; Sally Castleberry; Pat Charleton; George Cook; Bill Dwyer; John Gabriele; Amy Goldsmith; Faye Harris; Dan Keeler;Barbara Kittle; Linda Alley; Mary Kloeckner; Maureen Lapinski; Joe Lubaway; Michelle Ricks; Phillip Snyder; Ned White;Abe Stoll; Kevin Williams; Pat Wriker;Jeff Hawes; Aaron Larson; Darren Kittle; Gary Beach; Scott Ricks and Paul Redding.

Sadness in the school, due to the death of Jennifer Beach on October 30.

Russel Reed, 1955 graduate, came back to lead the band in the spring concert. Aaron Larson, band Director studied under Reed when in College.

Twenty-six to graduate. Valedictorian, Stacey Sober and Salutatorian, Megan Brunelle. Motto:'God Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can and the Wisdom to know the Difference'.

Baccalaureate at 2:00 PM to 2:30 and Commencement at 3:00. A change from the continuance of Baccalaureate and Commencement.

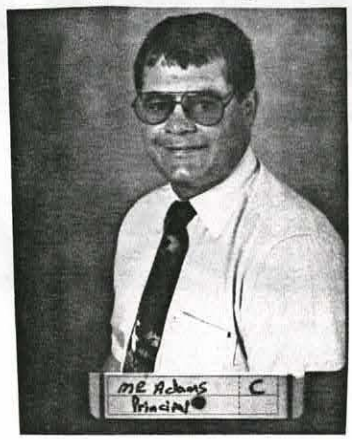
Mary Dillon ,President of the Alumni greeted members and friends at the Banquet.

1993-1994 -The North Adams-Jerome Junior Band won a Number 1 Rating at the District Festival and a straight Number 1 at the State Festival. This is the first time ever for any Junior High SchoolBand to attain a superior Rating at State Band and Orchestra Festival,Aaron Larson, Director.

Thirty-seven Seniors to graduate. Valedictorian Kelli Gordon and Salutatorian Damon Glei. Motto: 'Special Times, special Places, special Friends together, the moments pass so quickly, but the memories last forever'.

Alumni Banquet, Gail Good McClannahan,President.

School starts in September with 3 new top leaders. Supt. Robert Black, Principal Chris Voisin and Elementary Principal Steve Adams.



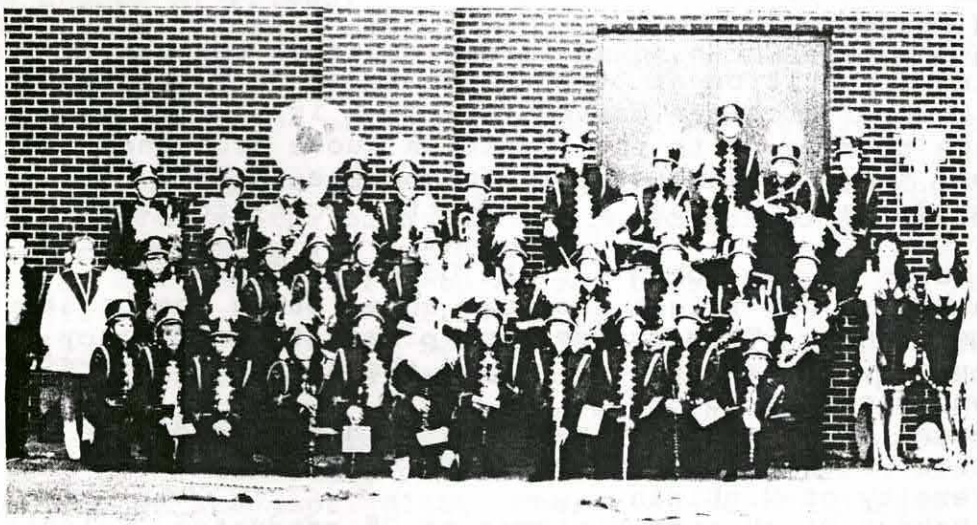
1994-1995

N.A. Band at Fair 1994

Twenty-eight Seniors graduate. Valedictorian, Jennifer Freeburn and Salutatorian, Shane Lynch. Motto: ' Do not Follow where the Path may Lead. Go instead where there is no Path and Leave a Trail'.

Wendy Lynch Jancarek class of '83, an Interpretor for the U.S. Government was guest speaker for Commencement.

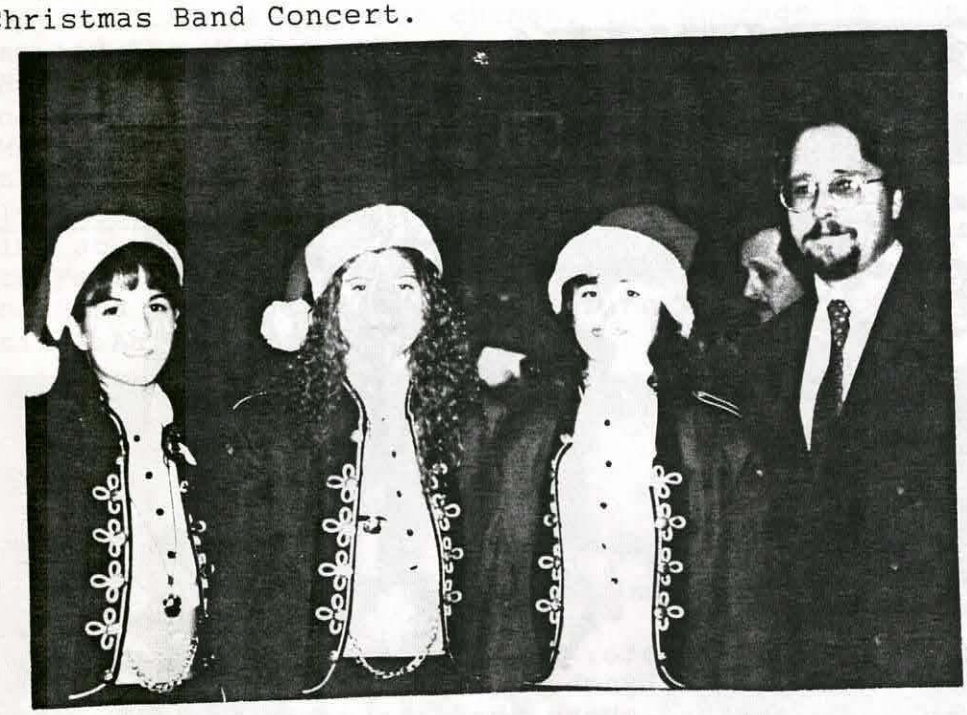
Alumni Banquet at the school, Gail McClanahan, President.



Front row-Michelle Eggelston, Trisha Gibson, Jenna Rossman, Carrie Dillon, Casie Taylor, Kerry Ackerman, Sheryl Voigt, Melissa Smith, Chanda Fletcher, Holly Steuwe, Heather Reddick. Middle row-Eri Beach, Heather Scharp, Kris Post, Jacob Somerlott, Kris Arno, Jolene Alley, Candy Comstock, LaVera Fish Renee Andrews, Marcia Reister, Marilee Miller, Joni Fish, Samantha Varga, Vanessa Fletcher, Angie Kittle Cindy Army. Back row- Robert Old, Melissa Kittle, Jason Garret, Steve Daniels, Jeremy Phillips, Aaron Yoder, Richard Todd, Mike Burlett, Tim Keeler, Eric Youdes, Mike Nichols, Jennifer Smith.

1995-1996

Christmas Band Concert.



Jolene Alley, Candy Comstock, Melissa Kittle
Band Director Aaron Larson

Sadness comes to the school again with the death of Melissa Kittle on January 4.

In January, the North Adams-Jerome students won the Odyssey of the Mind competition at temperance to earn a trip to State Final at Central Michigan University. This is the 3rd team from North Adams to make it to the Finals.(A quote from the Hillsdale Daily News) "For a class D school to compete at the same level against students from class A is a little scary for them but they made it".

Linda Paile is the coach for the Odyessy of Mind.

In January, a new weight room was added but a scarce amount of equipment in it. They are selling pizzas to make money to buy more equipment. It has already helped the athletes according to Stan Drewno,Football coach.

The second Freedom Shrine was placed in the school in February.

In February, the North Adams-Jerome officially got accredidation from University of Michigan.

Supt. Robert Black gave diplomas to 35 graduates. Valedictorian, Lavera Fish and Salutatorian Kerry Ackerman. Motto:'Learn from Yesterday, Live for Today and Dream of Tomorrow'.

Alumni Banquet at the school with 130 present. Steve Fouty, President.

The Seniors didn't take a long extended trip but they did go to Lansing and attended the Lugnuts ball game and spent time shopping at the Malls.

1995-1996

Top: Amanda Griffis, Jessie Ladd. Left to Right: Catherine Cotner, Kerry Ackerman, Renee Andrews, Coach Cathy Johnston. Bottom: Carrie gler. Not Pictured: Coach Shawn Kelley.

1996-1997 The members of the SADD CLUB staged a mock accident to highlight the possible consequences of drinking and driving.

Forty-one Seniors graduate. Valedictorian Jolene Alley and Salutatorian Jason Garrett. Motto:'Do not Walk behind Me, I may not Lead. Do not Walk in front of Me, I may not Follow. Walk be side Me and be My Friend.'

Marc Comstock, Basket Ball Coach at Emporia University, Kansas and graduate of the '72 class at North Adams was guest speaker for the the Senior Commencement.

Alumni met with 104 present. Steve Fouty, President. No officers elected.

"In July, four hogs belonging to the FFA were cut and gouged with long knives at the barn behind the school. One had to be put away, the other three are improving.

A reward has been offered to anyone that can provide information to this distardly act". (Hillsdale Daily)

1997-1998 - Forty-six Seniors graduate. Valedictorian Holly Stewue and Salutatorian Julie Freeburn. Motto:' Many things in life will catch your eye, only a few will catch your Heart'.

Alumni Banquet was held at the school, it was planned by a committee of interested Alumni consisting of Mary Wells Dillon, Gail Good McClanahan and Supt. Black. They planned the dinner and program. Next year, a committee consisting of Mary Dillon, Beverly Sharp and Duane Chase will take charge.

The speaker for Commencement was Carol Shaw Rugoff, an attorney and a North Adams graduate, class of 1968.

1998-1999 - Fifty-three to graduate.

Removing the old gas tanks, February '99

Fun Days at the school is Spirit Week before Homecoming and Activity Night. Each day is something different and over a period of years, these are some of the things that they have done. Pajama Day, wake up and come to school;College Day, wear favorite College team colors; Career Day, what you wanted to be when you grew up;Opposite Day, dress as opposite sex;Army Day,camouflage; Rainbow Day, all colors; 25's- 60's- 70's years Hill Billy etc.

Activity Night contests - tug o'war, greased watermellon toss, apple bobbing, powder puff football, basket ball relay, jello sluping etc.

Sophomore Dean Beach steadily concentrates on winning the basketball relay race for his class.

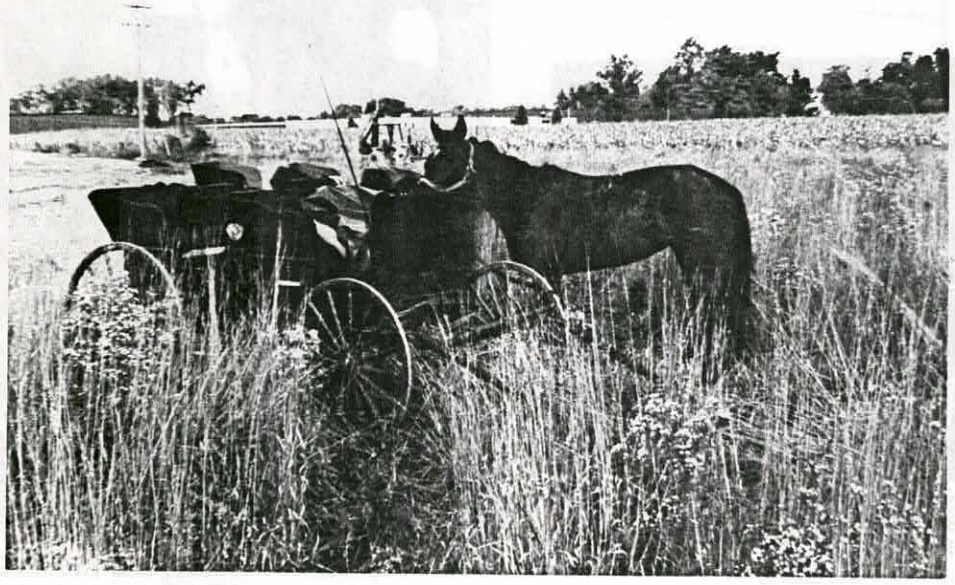
ance Fansler leads the Junior Class in the Tug-O-
ar during activity night.

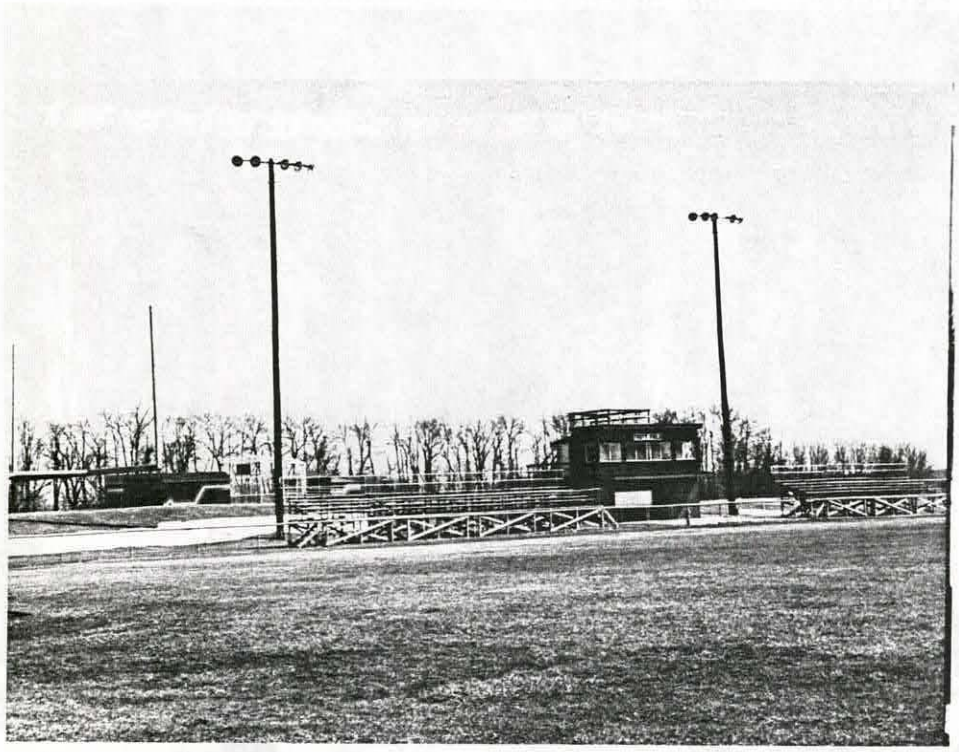
Candy lets out a happy cheer as she releases the greased up watermelon.

Juniors B. J. Griffis, Joe Kimble, and Lance Fansler support their cheerleader Mike Nichols in a pyramid.

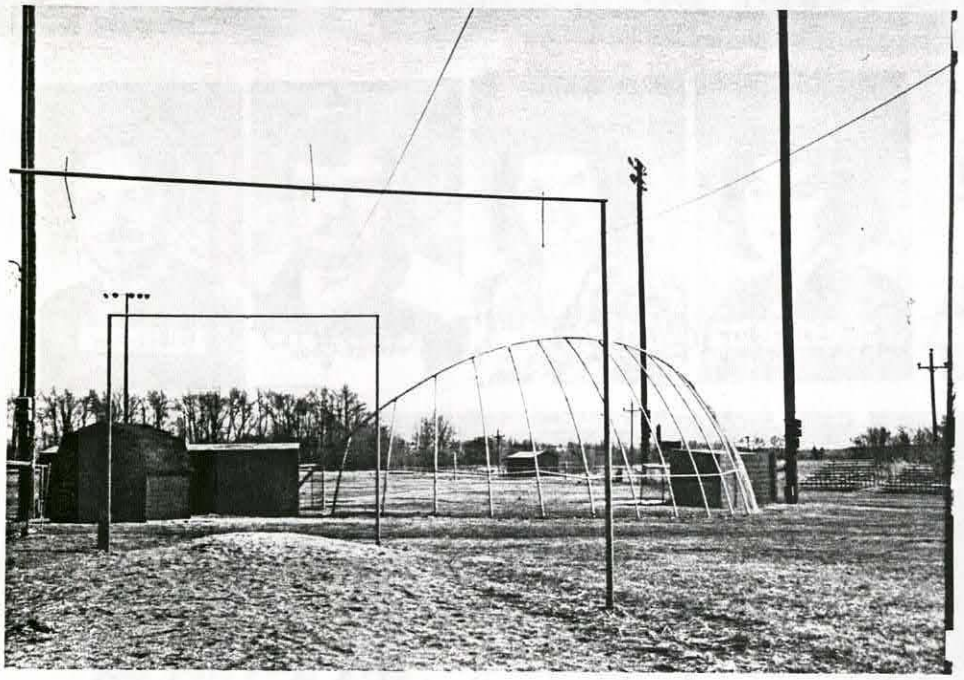
1991-1992

Amish laying the floor in the All-purpose room.





Press Box ,Football Field and Girls Softball Field

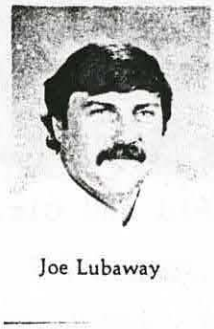


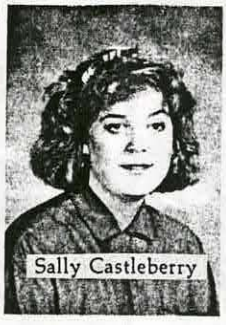
Base Ball Field

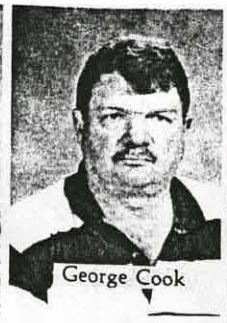
TEACHERS and OFFICE

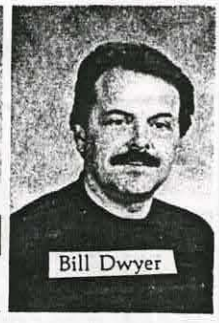
Supt. Woodrow Hall

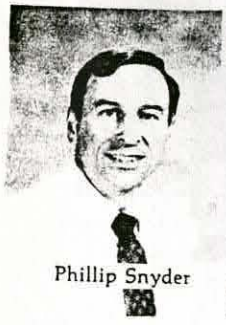
Linda, Barb and Pat

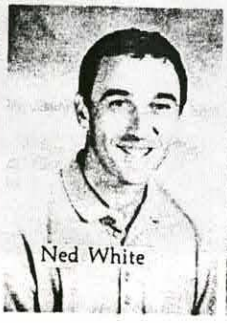


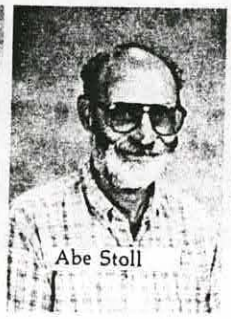


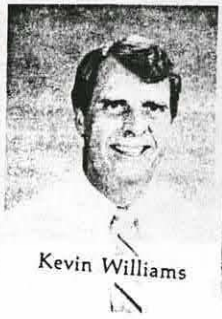


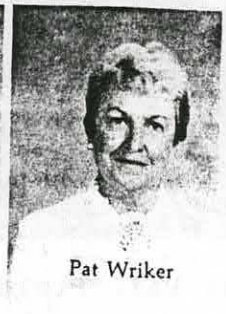




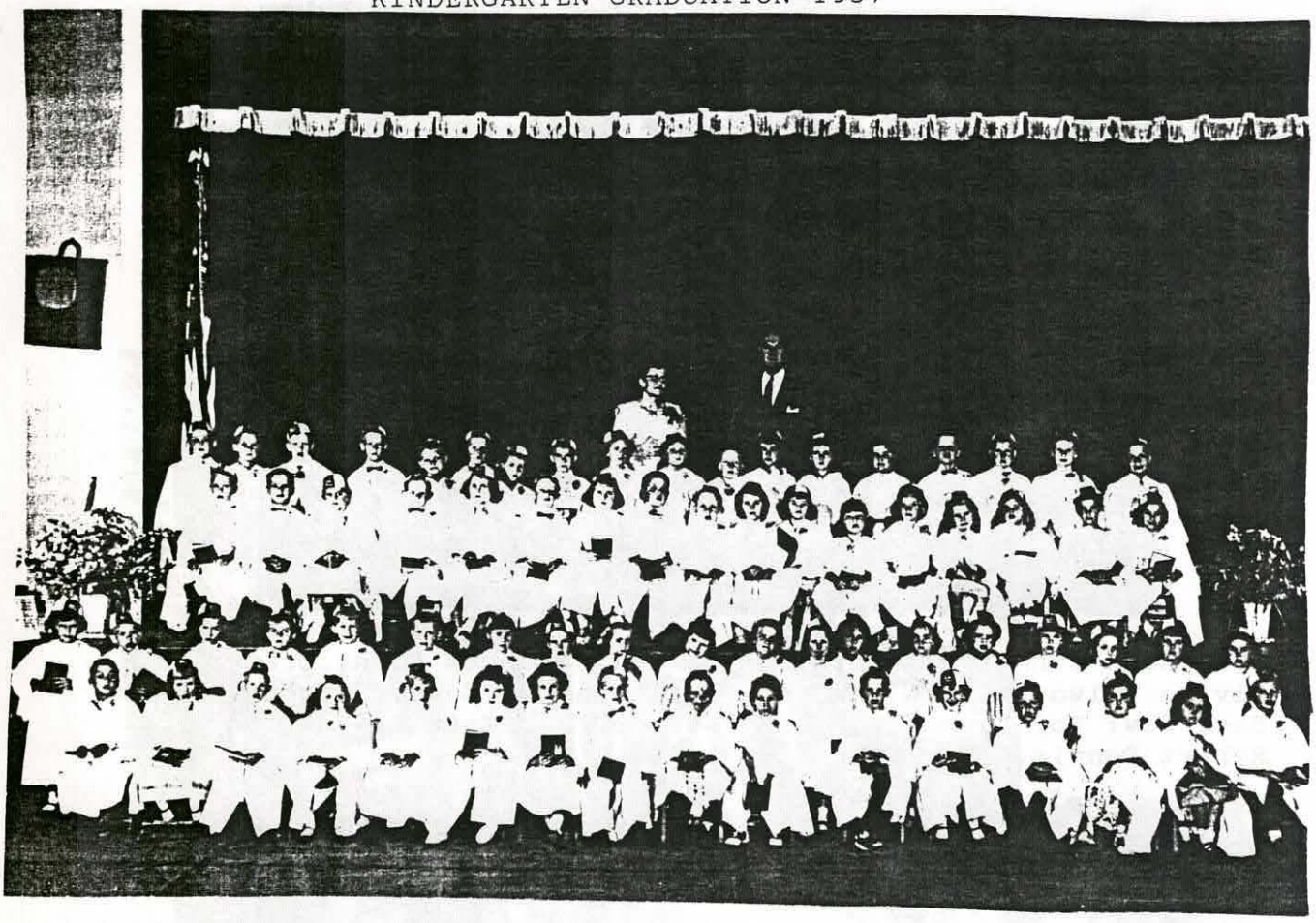




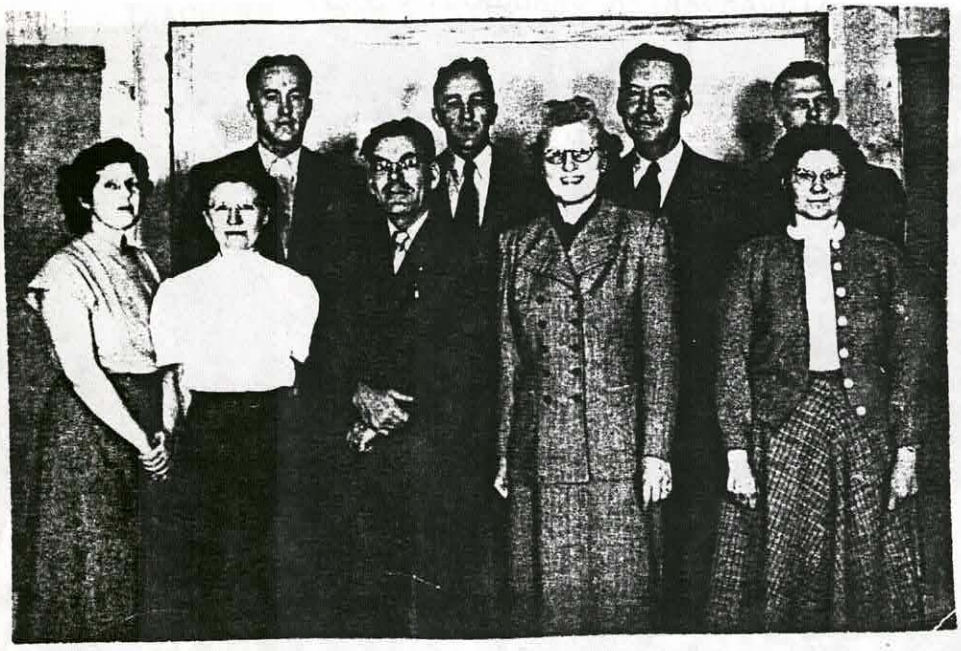




KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION 1957



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1992



1950 High School Teachers; Front Row; Frances Young Draper, Vivian Walworth, E.W.Phelps, Vera Crasper Sawyer, Donna Youngs, Back Row: Roy Lawrence, Don Davenport, DeWitt Sawyer, and Robert Dennis.

Bus Drivers - 1997 1998

1918 Box pile to burn the kaiser

Refer to page 7, 1917-1918

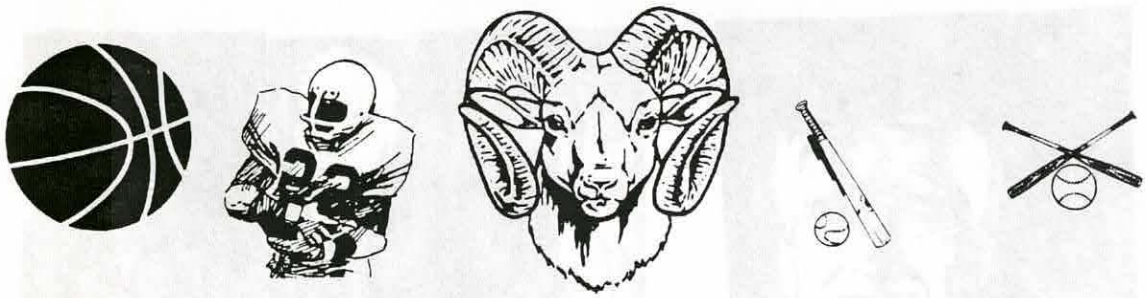
1952-1953, I think, I have asked many.

Knowles Opera House

116 East Main St. North side

Location:Open space ,west of Bernard Crater house. Remodeled around 1882 from an old Baptist Church and used as the Opera House, moving pictures plays and programs. Later,given to the school, rebuilt for basket ball. Sold in 1929 to a farmer.

1920-1921 Junior -Senior High School



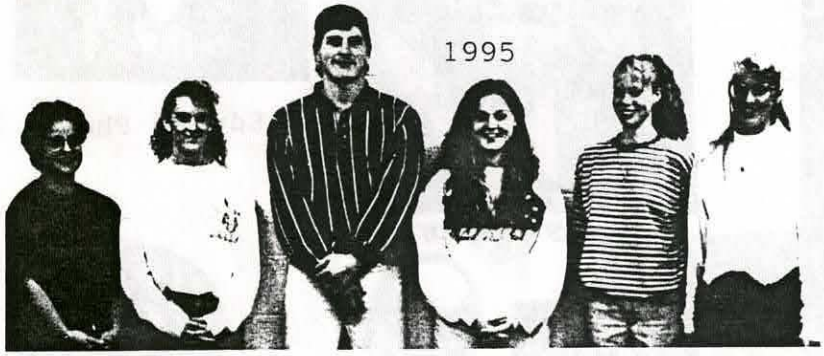
The sports at the school include Football, Varsity & J.V.; Basket Ball, Varsity & J.V.; both boys and girls, Freshmen,7th & 8th;Girls Volley Ball, Varsity & J.V.;Base Ball,Varsity & J.V.; Soft Ball, Varsity & J.V.; Track; Wrestling; Soccer; Junior Pro Basket Ball; Golf in past years; Cheer Leading, Varsity & J.V; May be others.

There are two outstanding athletes that were North Adams graduates.

Maxine Kline Randall, graduate of 1948 has her name along with 500 other women who played in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League had their names put on display in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. October 1988.

Penny Neer Thayer, 1978 graduate went to Barcelona, Spain to enter in the Olymics as a Discus contender. Before you can go you must be in the top three of the United States. Discus thrower Penny placed 20th out of all the countries that took part. A very good showing.

1995

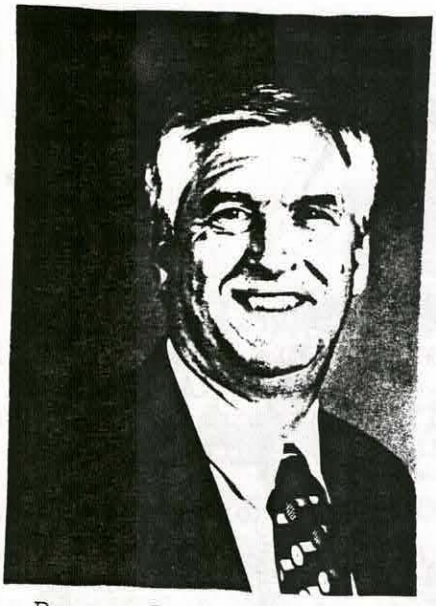


Amber Yoder, Jennifer Freeburn, Shane Lynch, Carrie Wagler, Cindy Armey, and Kerry Ackerman.

There are other activities in the school that haven't been mentioned in the history.

The National Honors Society, Student Council, Quiz Bowl,Art Club, Drama Club, FHA (Future Homemakers of America),Scholars Athletes Awards Banquet at Hillsdale College, S.A.E. (Students Action for Education), Career Center in Jackson, Chatter Box,newapaper with interesting articles about the school, was started in 1939, I think. Three or four years ago the Seniors wanted to change the name to Green and Gold Gazette. . I couldn't find out whether they were still printing it or not.

SUPERINTENDENTS



Roger Syswerda
1998-1999

Harold Trott

JOHN J. DRAKE

Edward Phelps

Dale Summitt

T. Kolwaski
Superintendent

Bruce Caswell
Pittsford

Dave Anspaugh
Waldron

G. Cook-
Math,
Consumer Ed.

B. Dwyer-
West. Civ.
Social-Studies

J. Gabriele-
Sociology/Psycology
Science, Gym

R. Gaberdiel-
6th Grade

G. Ruder-
Ag. Mech.
Shop

H.P. Carter-
Am. Hist.
Govt.

Dan Marco
Coach

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OLD COMMENCEMENT INVITATIONS

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
OF THE
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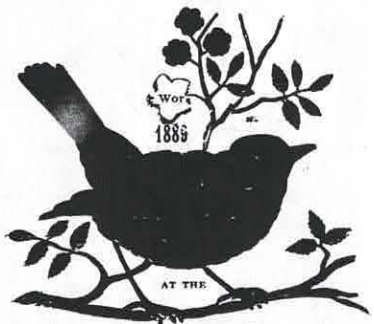

Knowles Opera House,
FRIDAY EVENING,
JUNE 7, 1889.

Marshals.

J. D. KNOWLES, ELLA ALDRICH,
GRANT RICKERD, BERNIE HESSE.

FOURTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT
OF THE
NORTH ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL,

Class of '88,

AT THE
OPERA HOUSE, JUNE 8, 1888,
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

MARSHALS.

HAROLD PIERCE, MYRTIE BROSS,
FRANK LAMB. FLORINE BECK.

HILLSDALE STANDARD PRINT.

"AD ASTRA PER ASPERA."

COMMENCEMENT

JUNE 3rd, 1892.

CLASS OF '93

MARY G. McBAIN,
CLARA B. CHEEVER,
ARTHUR E. TURNER,
SUSIE S. McBAIN,
MAYME C. FULLER.

You are cordially invited to attend
the eighth annual
Commencement Exercises
of the
North Adams High School
at
Knowles Opera House,
Friday evening June 3, 1892.

CLASS OF '92.

NELLIE S FITZGERALD
HENRY G. WILLIAMS
JESSIE M. SMITH.

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